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a larger number of unusual words, rendering it somewhat more valuable for purely philological purposes, but less eligible on other grounds. The earlier version is mainly the work of John Wycliffe and Nicholas de Hereford, about A.D. 1380-1383; the later version was revised by John Purvey, about A.D. 1388.

Both versions were made from MSS. of the Latin version known as the Vulgate. A few specimens, selected from the portion here reprinted, may be of service in shewing the nature of the renderings. It is well to remember that *both* versions are, not unfrequently, almost unintelligible in certain passages until the Latin version has been consulted.

Job xx. 22 (Vulgate). Cum satiatus fuerit, arctabitur, æstabitur, et omnis dolor irruet super eum¹.

Earlier Version (N. de Hereford). Whan he shal be fulfillid, he shal be streyned, and brenne; and alle sorewe shall falle in-to hym.

Later Version (Purvey). Whanne he is fillid, he schal be maad streit; he schal be hoot, and alle sorewe schal falle in on hym.

Job xxxix. 13. Penna struthionis similis est pennis herodii, et accipitris. Quando derelinquit ova sua in terra, tu forsitan in pulvere calefacies, ea?

Earlier Version. The fether of a strucioun is lic to the fetheris of a ierfakoun, and of a goshauk; that leueth hir eiren in the erthe, thou perauenent in pouder shalt make them hot.

Later Version. The fethere of an ostriche is lijk the fetheris of a gerfawcun and of an hauk; which *ostrike* forsakith hise eirun in the erthe, in hap thou schalt make tho hoot in the dust.

Psalm cii (ciii). 12. Quantum distat ortus ab occidente: longe fecit a nobis iniquitates nostras.

Earlier Version. Hou myche the rising stant fro the going doun; aferr he made fro vs oure wickidnessis.

Later Version. As myche as the eest is fer fro the west; he made fer oure wickidnessis fro vs.

¹ Quoted from 'Biblia Sacra vulgatae editionis, &c. Parisiis, apud A. Jouby, 7, Via Majorum Augustinianorum. MDCCCLXII.'

Psalm cvi (cvii). 5. Esurientes, et sitiens: anima eorum in ipsis defecit.

Earlier Version. Hungrende and thirstende; the soule of hem in hem failide.

Later Version. Thei *weren* hungri and thirsti; her soule failide in hem.

In the last example, the difference between the close translation in the earlier version and the freer one in the later version, is well marked.

The necessity of consulting the Latin text may be illustrated from the version here printed, in the following instances:—

Job xiv. 9. It [a tree] schal make heer¹; *Lat.* faciet comam.

Job xxi. 17. Flowing schal come on hem; *Lat.* superveniet eis inundatio.

Ps. ci (cii). 29. The seed of hem schal be dressid in-to the world; *Lat.* semen eorum in saeculum dirigetur.

Ps. cviii (cix). 18. He clothide cursing as a cloth; *Lat.* induit maledictionem sicut vestimentum.

Prov. xxx. 31. A cok gird the leendis; *Lat.* gallus succinctus lumbos.

A comparison with our Authorised Version is full of interest, especially in the renderings of the Psalms. Sometimes the likeness is very close, as in the following:—

Ps. iii. 4. With my vois Y criede to the Lord; and he herde me fro his hooli hil.

(A. V.) I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

The text here reprinted is taken from MS. I. C. VIII. in the Old Royal Library in the British Museum, i. e. from the same MS. as that which contains the best copy of the later text of the New Testament. It is described in full in Forshall and Madden's preface, and their description is repeated in the Introduction to the late reprint of the New Testament, at p. xii.

As regards the later version, the large quarto edition not only

¹ i. e. hair.

gives the text from the above MS., but also records various readings from other MSS., besides numerous glosses or interpretations (printed in the margin) of the more difficult passages. Thus, in Job i. 5, the expression 'in-to the world' is glossed by 'that is, in the ende of the wouke'¹. These glosses, together with the various readings, are omitted in the present volume, to save space and expense. It may be noted here, that the names of the Hebrew letters prefixed to the various parts of Psalm cxviii (cxix). do not occur in the MS. from which the later version is printed, but are copied from the best MS. of the *earlier* version, in which they are duly inserted.

It will at once be observed that most of the Psalms are marked with a *double* numbering. The explanation is as follows. The editors of the quarto edition very properly followed the numbering of the Chapters (or Psalms) and Verses as given in the ordinary editions of the *Vulgate version*, as this is the one upon which the Wyclifite translations really depend. But this numbering does not always agree with that in our Authorised Version, and there is, in particular, a difference in the mode of numbering the Psalms which causes a difficulty in finding the place. In order to remedy this to some extent, the numbering of the Psalms as in the Authorised Version has been supplied within marks of parenthesis. Even then, there is frequently a discrepancy in the numbering of the verses; but, as this is a minor difficulty, it was not worth while to attempt to remove it. A double set of numbers in a long chapter or Psalm would, perhaps, have only tended to confuse. A short account of the nature of the discrepancies may here be useful.

The difficulty begins after verse 21 of Psalm ix., where the Vulgate version has the remark 'Psalmus x. secundum Hebræos,' with a fresh numbering of the remaining verses in the Psalm. The English version makes Psalm x. begin here. But the Vulgate version heads our Psalm xi. with the title: 'In finem, Psalmus David x.' This throws the whole numbering out

¹ i.e. week. The Vulgate has: 'Cumque in orbem transissent dies con-vivii.'

for a long way, down to the end of Psalm cxlvii.¹ Ps. cxlvii. has its verses numbered from 12 to 20, and agrees with the latter part of Ps. cxlvii. in the English version. The three last Psalms are the same in both versions.

In the book of Ecclesiastes there are also certain slight differences of numbering, which are due rather to the Latin MSS. used by the Wycliffite translators than to the ordinary numbering of the Vulgate version. They cause no particular difficulty, as the numbering of the *verses* is clearly marked in the margin, and the English numbering of the chapters is inserted between marks of parenthesis, wherever any discrepancy exists.

REMARKS ON THE LANGUAGE, &c.

Remarks on the language of the Wycliffite versions are given in the Introduction to the reprint of the New Testament; see also the Introduction to Specimens of English, ed. Morris and Skeat, in the Clarendon Press Series. The following notes are thrown together in the briefest possible form.

Dialect.—The dialect of Purvey's version is Midland, resembling that of standard English.

Pronunciation.—The pronunciation of Middle-English differed widely from that now in use, especially in the vowel-sounds, which resembled those of modern Italian and German².

Spelling.—The spelling is phonetic, i.e. the words are written as they were then pronounced. The scribes occasionally mis-write a word, chiefly by adding a final *e* where it is not required by the grammar. Thus *wynde* in Job i. 19 should be *wynd*.

Capital letters, &c.—The editors have, in general, altered the capitals of the MS., so as to conform them to the modern use. Words printed in italics, such as *be is* in Job i. 8, are not in the original Latin.

¹ Psalms cxiii., cxiv., cxv. in the Vulgate are strangely divided. The first is our Psalms cxiv. and cxv.; the other two make up our Psalm cxvi.

² The Middle-English sounds are described in the Preface to Chaucer's *Man of Law's Tale* (Clarendon Press Series).

Punctuation.—The punctuation is due to the editors, the MS. not being punctuated.

Compound words.—The parts of compound words are written separately in the MS., and are so printed. Thus *in to* in Job i. 12, is the modern *into*. To save the reader trouble, the use of hyphens has been rather freely introduced into the present reprint¹, so that *with out* here commonly appears as *with-out*. Wherever they are omitted, the reader can easily supply them.

Alphabet.—The character *ȝ* signifies *y* at the beginning of a word, and *ȝb* elsewhere. Thus *rȝtful* = *rightful*, Job i. 1; *ȝaf* = *yaf*, old form of *gave*, Job i. 21. For words beginning with *ȝ*, see the *last* section of the Glossary.

The character *u* between two vowels is to be read as *v*. Thus *perauenture* = *peraventure*, Job i. 5. It is sometimes so to be read at the beginning of a syllable; thus *siluer* = *silver*, Job iii. 15. The use of *v* for *u* is not common, and only found at the beginning of words, as in *us* (*us*), *vp* (*up*). Observe *ȝyue* = *yyue* = *yive* = *give*, Job ii. 4.

Grammar.—The final *-e*, usually to be sounded as a distinct syllable, plays an important part in Middle-English grammar, representing several older inflections. Thus *allē* (dissyllabic) is the plural of *al* (*all*), and is rightly associated with *men*; Job i. 3. *Etē* (dissyllabic) is the infinitive mood, from A.S. *etan*; Job i. 4. *Biboldē* is short for *bibolden*; Job i. 8. *For to tellē* is a gerund (A.S. *tō tellanne*); Job i. 15. *Fleddē* is the past tense of a weak verb; Job i. 19. See further in the Introductions to Chaucer's Prologue, &c. (Clarendon Press Series), and to Chaucer's Prioress's Tale (same series).

Vocabulary.—The vocabulary contains numerous French words. The following is a list of such words in Job i. *Symple*, *possesioun*, *femal*, *meynee*, *feestis*, *feeste*, *passid*, *sacrifices*, *perauenture*, *present*, *cumpassid*, *seruaunt*, *veyn*, *catel*, *cumpas*, *encreeside*, *touche*, *face*, *gendrid*, *messanger*, *femal*, *touchid*, *ascapide*, *cumpenyes*, *assaileden*, *entride*, *suden*, *coost*, *desert*, *corneris*, *oppreside*, *pleside*. Of these words, the difficult word *touch* is probably

¹ In the quarto edition they are very sparingly employed.

of Teutonic origin, according to Diez; the others are all various modifications of Latin words. *Camel* is an Oriental word, and so probably is *ass*. The rest of the words in the same chapter are, mostly, of the highest antiquity and of pre-historic origin; many of them first emerge into history in Anglo-Saxon forms. The word *offride* (offered), from A.S. *offrian*, to offer, is, however, merely borrowed from Lat. *offerre*.

Changes of meaning.—The meaning of many words has changed. Thus *cheer* can hardly now be used in the sense of ‘countenance,’ as in ‘the liȝt of thi cheer,’ Ps. iv. 7; we still retain some remembrance of this old use in the phrase ‘to be of good cheer.’

Imperfect translation.—In some places, especially in the book of Psalms, the translators have been content to retain Latin words and phrases, and even idioms, without any attempt to supply their place by English expressions. ‘Thou schalt gourne hem in an yrun ȝerde’ (Ps. ii. 9) is not, nor ever was, good English; it is simply due to retaining the Latin *in*, in the phrase ‘Reges eos in virga ferrea.’ *Singulari* in Ps. iv. 10 is merely the Lat. *singulariter*. ‘Lord, be thou conuertid’ represents ‘convertere, Domine;’ Ps. vi. 5. In Ps. vii. 17, the Latin version has: ‘Convertetur dolor ejus in caput ejus; et in verticem ipsius iniquitas ejus descendet.’ The Wycliffite version is not a little curious, viz.: ‘His sorewe schal be turnid in-to his heed; and his wickidnesse schal come doun in-to his necke.’

Glossarial Index.—For the explanation of unusual or obsolete words, see the Glossarial Index, partly compiled from the original glossary to the quarto edition made by the Rev. Josiah Forshall and Sir Frederic Madden. Several additions, however, have been made to this, and the glossary, as here printed, has been carefully prepared by Mr. W. E. Gabbett, B.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford, and subsequently revised by myself. I have also supplied an Index to the first words of the Latin psalms.

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CAP. I.

1 A MAN, Joob bi name, was in the lond of Hus; and
thilke man was symple, and riȝtful, and dredynge God,
2 and goyng away fro yuel. And seuene sones and thre
3 douȝtris weren borun to hym; and his possessioun was
seuene thousynde of scheep, and thre thousynde of camels,
and syue hundrid ȝockis of oxis, and syue hundrid of femal
assis, and ful myche meynee; and thilke man was grete
4 among alle men of the eest. And hise sones ȝeden, and
maden feestis bi housis, ech man in his day; and thei
senten, and clepiden her thre sistris, that thei schulden ete,
5 and drynke wiyn with hem. And whanne the daies of
feeste hadden passid in to the world, Joob sente to hem,
and halewide hem, and he roos eerli, and offride brent
sacrifices bi alle. For he seide, Lest perauenture my sones
do synne, and curse God in her hertis. Joob dide so in
6 alle daies. Forsothe in sum day, whanne the sones of
God weren comun to be present bifor the Lord, also
7 Sathan cam among hem. To whom the Lord seide, Fro
whennus comest thou? Which answeride, and seide, Y
haue cumpassid the erthe, and Y haue walkid thorouȝ it.
8 And the Lord seide to hym, Whether thou hast biholde
my seruaunt Joob, that noon in erthe is lyik hym; *he is*
a symple man, and riȝtful, and dredynge God, and goyng

9 awei fro yuel? To whom Sathan answeride, Whether Joob
 10 dredith God veynli? Whethir thou hast not cumpassid
 hym, and his hows, and al his catel bi cumpas? Thou
 hast blessid the werkis of hise hondis, and hise possessioun
 11 encreesside in erthe. But stretche forth thin hond a litil,
 and touche thou alle thingis whiche he hath in possessioun;
 12 if he cursith not thee in the face, *bilcue not to me*. Therfor
 the Lord seide to Sathan, Lo! alle thingis, whiche he hath,
 ben in thin hond; oneli stretche thou not forth thin hond
 in to hym. And Sathan ȝede out fro the face of the Lord.
 13 Sotheli whanne in sum dai hise sones and douȝtris eeten,
 and drunken wiyn in the hows of her firste gendrid brothir,
 14 a messanger cam to Job, whiche *messanger* seide, Oxis
 15 eriden, and femal assis weren lesewid bisidis tho; and
 Sabeis felden yn, and token awey alle thingis, and smyti-
 den the children with swerd; and Y aloone ascapide for
 16 to telle to thee. And whanne he spak ȝit, anothir cam,
 and seide, Fier of God cam doun fro heuene, and wastide
 scheep, and children touchid; and Y aloone ascapide for
 17 to telle to thee. But ȝit the while he spak, also anothir
 cam, and seide, Caldeis maden thre cumpenyes, and as-
 sailiden the camels, and token tho awei, and thei smytiden
 also the children with swerd; and Y aloone ascapide to
 18 telle to thee. And ȝit he spak, and, lo! anothir entride,
 and seide, While thi sones and douȝtris eeten, and drunken
 19 wiyn in the hows of her firste gendrid brothir, a greet
 wynde felde yn sudenli fro the coost of desert, and schook
 foure corneris of the hows, which felde doun, and oppres-
 side thi children, and thei ben deed; and Y aloone fledde
 20 to telle to thee. Thanne Joob roos, and to-rente hise
 clothis, and with pollid heed he felde doun on the erthe,
 21 and worschipide *God*, and seide, Y ȝede nakid out of the
 wombe of my modir, Y schal turne aȝen nakid thidur; the

Lord þaf, the Lord took awei; as it pleside the Lord, so
 22 it is doon; the name of the Lord be blessid. In alle these
 thingis Joob synnede not in hise lippis, nether spak ony
 fonned thing aȝens God.

CAP. II.

1 FORSOTHE it was doon, whanne in sum dai the sones of
 God weren comun, and stoden bifor the Lord, and Sathan
 2 was comun among hem, and stood in his siȝt, that the Lord
 seide to Sathan, Fro whennus comest thou? Which an-
 sweride, and seide, Y haue cumpassid the erthe, and Y
 3 haue go thurȝ it. And the Lord seide to Sathan, Whethir
 thou hast biholde my seruaunt Joob, that noon in erthe
 is lijk hym; *he is* a symple man, and riȝtful, and dredynge
 God, and goyng awei fro yuel, and ȝit holdynge inno-
 4 cence? But thou hast moued me aȝens him, that Y schulde
 turmente hym in veyn. To whom Sathan answeride, and
 seide, A man schal ȝyue skyn for skyn, and alle thingis
 5 that he hath for his liȝf; ellis sende thin hond, and touche
 his boon and fleisch, and thanne thou schalt se, that he
 6 schal curse thee in the face. Therfor the Lord seide to
 Sathan, Lo! he is in thin hond; netheles kepe thou his
 7 liȝf. Therfor Sathan ȝede out fro the face of the Lord,
 and smoot Joob with a ful wickid botche fro the sole of
 8 the foot til to his top; which *Joob* schauyde the quyttere
 9 with a schelle, and sat in the dunghil. Forsothe his wijf
 seide to hym, Dwellist thou ȝit in thi symplenesse? Curse
 10 thou God, and die. And Joob seide, Thou hast spoke as
 oon of the fonned wymmen; if we han take goodis of
 the hond of the Lord, whi forsothe suffren we not yuels?
 11 In alle these thingis Joob synnede not in hise lippis. Therfor
 thre frendis of Joob herden al the yuel, that hadde biefelde

to hym, and camen ech man fro his place, Eliphath Temanytes, and Baldach Suythes, and Sophar Naamathites; for thei hadden seide togidere to hem silf, that thei wolden
 12 come togidere, and visite hym, and coumforte. And whanne thei hadden reisid afer her *iȝen*, thei knewen not hym; and thei crieden, and wepten, and to-renten her clothis, and
 13 spreynten dust on her heed in to heuene. And thei saten with hym in the erthe seuene daies and seuene nyȝtis, and no man spak a word to hym; for thei sien, that his sorewe was greet.

CAP. III.

1 AFTIR these thingis Joob openyde his mouth, and curside
 2, 3 his dai, and seide, Perische the dai in which Y was borun,
 and the nyȝt in which it was seid, The man is conceyued.
 4 Thilke dai be turnede in to derknessis; God seke not it aboue, and be it not in mynde, nethir be it liȝtned with
 5 liȝt. Derknessis make it derk, and the schadewe of deeth and myist occupie it; and be it wlappid with bittirnesse.
 6 Derk whirlwynde holde that niȝt; be it not rikynyd among the daies of the ȝeer, nethir be it noumbrid among the
 7 monethes. Thilke nyȝt be soleyn, and not worthi of
 8 preisying. Curse thei it, that cursen the dai, that ben redi
 9 to reise Leuyathan. Sterris be maad derk with the derknesse therof; abide it liȝt, and se it not, nethir the bigyn-
 10 nyng of the morwetid risyng vp. For it closide not the doris of the wombe, that bar me, nethir took awei yuels
 11 fro min *iȝen*. Whi was not Y deed in the wombe? whi
 ȝede Y out of the wombe, and perischide not anoon? Whi
 12 was Y takun on knees? whi was Y suclid with teitis? For
 13 now Y slepynge schulde be stille, and schulde reste in my
 14 sleep, with kyngis, and consuls of erthe, that bilden to hem
 15 soleyn places; ethir with prynces that han gold in posses-

16 sioun, and fillen her housis with siluer; ethir as a thing
 hid not borun Y schulde not stonde, ethir whiche con-
 17 seyued sien not liȝt. There wickid men ceessiden of noise,
 18 and there men maad wery of strengthe restiden. And sum
 tyme boundun togidere with out diseise thei herden not the
 19 voys of the wrongful axere. A litil man and greet man be
 20 there, and a seruaunt free fro his lord. Whi is liȝt ȝouun
 to the wretche, and liȝf to hem that ben in bitternesse of
 21 soule? Whiche abiden deeth, and it cometh not; as men
 22 diggyng out tresour and ioien greetly, whanne thei han
 23 founde a sepulcre? *Whi is liȝt ȝouun* to a man, whos weie
 is hid, and God hath cumpassid hym with derknessis?
 24 Bifore that Y ete, Y sighe; and as of watir flowynge, so
 25 is my roryng. For the drede, which Y dredde, cam to
 26 me; and that, that Y schamede, bifelde. Whether Y dis-
 symilide not? whether Y was not stille? whether Y restide
 not? and indignacioun cometh on me.

CAP. IV.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Eliphat Themanytes answeride, and seide, If
 we bigynnen to speke to thee, in hap thou schalt take it
 3 heuyli; but who may holde a word conseyued? Lo! thou
 hast tauȝt ful many men, and thou hast strengthid hondis
 4 maad feynt. Thi wordis confermyden men doutynge, and
 5 thou coumfortidist knees tremblynge. But now a wounde is
 comun on thee, and thou hast failid; it touchide thee, and
 6 thou art disturblid. Where is thi drede, thi strengthe, and thi
 7 pacience, and the perfeccioun of thi weies? Y biseche thee,
 haue thou mynde, what innocent man perischide euere, ethir
 8 whanne riȝtful men weren doon awei? Certis rathir Y siȝ
 hem, that worchen wickidnesse, and sowen sorewis, and
 9 repen tho, to haue perischid bi God blowynge, and to be

10 wastid bi the spirit of his ire. The roryng of a lioun, and
 the vois of a lionesse, and the teeth of whelpis of liouns ben
 11 al to-brokun. Tigris perischide, for sche hadde not prey ;
 12 and the whelpis of a lioun ben distried. Certis an hid word
 was seid to me, and myn eere took as theueli the veynes of
 13 priuy noise therof. In the hidousnesse of nyȝtis siȝt, whanne
 14 heuy sleep is wont to occupie men, drede and trembyng
 15 helde me; and alle my boonys weren aferd. And whanne
 the spirit ȝede in my presence, the heiris of my fleisch hadden
 16 hidousnesse. Oon stood, whos cherc Y knewȝ not, an
 ymage bisor myn iȝen; and Y herde a vois as of softe
 17 wynd. Whether a man schal be maad iust in comparisoun
 of God? ethir whethir a man schal be clennere than his
 18 Makere? Lo! thei that seruen hym ben not stidefast; and
 19 he findeth schrewidnesse in hise aungels. Hou myche more
 thei that dwellen in housis of cley, that han an ertheli
 20 foundement, schulen be wastyd as of a mouȝte. Fro morew-
 tid til to euentid thei schulen be kit doun; and for no
 man vndurstondith, thei schulen perische with outen ende.
 21 Sotheli thei, that ben residue, schulen be takun awei; thei
 schulen die, and not in wisdom.

CAP. V.

1 THERFOR clepe thou, if ony is that schal answer thee,
 2 and turne thou to summe of seyntis. Wrathfulnesse sleeth
 3 a fonned man, and enuye sleeth a litil child. Y siȝ a fool
 4 with stidefast rote, and Y curside his feirnesse anoon. Hise
 sones schulen be maad fer fro helthe, and thei schulen be
 defoulid in the ȝate, and noon schal be that schal delyuere
 5 hem. Whos ripe corn an hungri man schal ete, and an
 armed man schal rauysche hym, and thei, that thirsten,
 6 schulen drynke hise richessis. No thing is doon in erthe

with out cause, and sorewe schal not go out of the erthe.
 7,8 A man is borun to labour, and a brid to fliȝt. Whersor
 Y schal biseche the Lord, and Y schal sette my speche to
 9 my God. That makith grete thingis, and that moun not
 be souȝt out, and wondursful thingis with out noumbre.
 10 Which ȝyueth reyn on the face of erthe, and moistith alle
 11 thingis with watrie. Which settith meke men an hiȝ, and
 12 reisith with helthe hem that morenen. Which distrieth the
 thouȝtis of yuel willid men, that her hondis moun not fille
 13 tho thingis that thei bigunnen. Which takith cautelouse
 men in the felnesse of hem, and distrieth the counsel of
 14 schrewis. Bi dai thei schulen renne in to derknessis, and
 15 as in nyȝt so thei schulen grope in myddai. Certis God
 schal make saaf a nedie man fro the swerd of her mouth,
 and a pore man fro the hond of the violent, *ethir rauynour*.
 16 And hope schal be to a nedie man, but wickidnesse schal
 17 drawe togidere his mouth. Blessid is the man, which is
 chastisid of the Lord; thersor repreue thou not the blam-
 18 yng of the Lord. For he woundith, and doith medicyn;
 19 he smythis, and hise hondis schulen make hool. In sixe
 tribulaciouns he schal delyuere thee, and in the seuenthe
 20 tribulacioun yuel schal not touche thee. In hungur he schal
 delyuere thee fro deeth, and in batel fro the power of swerd.
 21 Thou schalt be hid fro the scourge of tunge, and thou schalt
 not drede myseiste, *ethir wretchidnesse*, whanne it cometh.
 22 In distriyng *maad of enemyes* and in hungur thou schalt leize,
 23 and thou schalt not drede the beestis of erthe. But thi
 couenaunt schal be with the stonye of erthe, and beestis of
 24 erthe schulen be pesible to thee. And thou schalt wite,
 that thi tabernacle hath pees, and thou visitynge thi fairnesse
 25 schalt not do synne. And thou schalt wite also, that thi
 seed schal be many fold, and thi generacioun schal be as
 26 an erbe of erthe. In abundaunce thou schalt go in to the

27 sepulcre, as an heep of wheete is borun in his tyme. Lo !
this is so, as we han souȝt; which thing herd, trete thou in
minde.

CAP. VI.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Joob answeride, and seide, Y wolde, that my
synnes, bi whiche Y desseruede ire, and the wretchidnesse
3 which Y suffre, weren peisid in a balaunce. As the grauel
of the see, this wretchidnesse schulde appere greuousere;
4 wherfor and my wordis ben ful of sorewe. For the arowis
of the Lord ben in me, the indignacioun of whiche drynkith
vp my spirit; and the dredis of the Lord fȝeten aȝens me.
5 Whether a feeld asse schal rore, whanne he hath gras?
Ethir whether an oxe schal lowe, whanne he stondith byfor
6 a ful cratche? Ether whethir a thing vnsauery may be etun,
which is not maad sauery bi salt? Ether whether ony man
may taaste a thing, which tastid bryngith deeth? For whi
7 to an hungri soule, ȝhe, bittir thingis semen to be swete;
tho thingis whiche my soule nolde touche bifore, ben now
8 my meetis for angwisch. Who ȝyueth, that myn axyng
9 come; and that God ȝyue to me that, that Y abide? And
he that bigan, al to-breke me; releesse he his hond, and
10 kitte me doun? And this be coumfort to me, that he tur-
mente me with sorewe, and spare not, and that Y aȝenseic
11 not the wordis of the hooli. For whi, what is my strengthe,
that Y suffre? ethir which is myn ende, that Y do pacientli?
12 Nethir my strengthe is the strengthe of stoonus, nether my
13 fleisch is of bras. Lo! noon help is to me in me; also my
14 meyneal frendis ȝeden awey fro me. He that takith awei
15 merci fro his frend, forsakith the drede of the Lord. My
britheren passiden me, as a stronde *doith*, that passith rusch-
16 yngli in grete valeis. Snow schal come on hem, that dreden
17 frost. In the tyme wherynne thei ben scaterid, thei schulen

perische; and as thei ben hoote, thei schulen be vnknyt
 18 fro her place. The pathis of her steppis ben wlappid; thei
 19 schulen go in veyn, and schulen perische. Biholde þe the
 20 a litil. Thei ben schent, for Y hopide; and thei camen til
 21 to me, and thei ben hilid with schame. Now þe ben comun,
 22 and now þe seen my wounde, and dreden. Whether Y seide,
 Brynge þe to me, and þiue þe of þoure catel to me? ethir,
 23 Delyuere þe me fro the hond of enemy, and rauysche þe
 24 me fro the hond of stronge men? Teche þe me, and Y
 schal be stille; and if in hap Y vnknew ony thing, teche
 25 þe me. Whi han þe deprauen the wordis of trewthe? sithen
 26 noon is of þou, that may repreue me. Þe maken redi spechis
 oneli for to blame, and þe bryngen forth wordis in to wynde.
 27 Þe fallen in on a fadirles child, and ensorsen to peruertere
 28 þoure frend. Netholes fille þe that, that þe han bigunne;
 29 þyue þe the eere, and se þe, whether Y lie. Y biseche, an-
 swere þe with out strijf, and speke þe, and deme þe that, that
 30 is iust. And þe schulen not fynde wickidnesse in my tunge,
 nethir foli schal sowne in my chekis.

CAP. VII.

1 KNYȝTHOD is liȝ of man on erthe, and his daies ben as
 2 the daies of an hired man. As an hert desireth schadowe,
 3 and as an hirede man abideth the ende of his werk; so and
 Y hadde voide monethis, and Y noumbredre trauailous niȝtes
 4 to me. If Y schal slepe, Y schal seie, Whanne schal Y
 rise? and est Y schal abide the euentid, and Y schal be
 5 fillid with sorewis til to derknessis. Mi fleisch is clothid
 with rot, and filthis of dust; my skyn driende vp, and is
 6 drawun togidere. My daies passiden swiftliere thanne a
 web is kit doun of a webstere; and tho daies ben wastid

7 with outen ony hope. *God*, haue thou mynde, for my liff
 is wynde, and myn iȝe schal not turne aȝen, that it se goodis.
 8 Nethir the siȝt of man schal biholde me; but thin iȝen ben
 9 in me, and Y schal not be *in deedli liff*. As a cloude is
 wastid, and passith, so he that goith doun to helle, schal
 10 not stie; nether schal turne aȝen more in to his hows,
 11 and his place schal no more knowe hym. Whersor and
 Y schal not spare my mouth; Y schal speke in the tribula-
 cioun of my spirit, Y schal talke togidere with the bitter-
 12 nesse of my soule. Whether Y am the see, ethir a whal,
 13 for thou hast cumpassid me with prisoun? If Y seic, My
 bed schal coumfort me, and Y schal be releuyd, spekyng
 14 with me in my bed; thou schalt make me aferd bi dremys,
 and thou schalt schake me with orrour, *ethir hidousnesse*, bi
 15 siȝtis. Whersor my soule chees hangyng, and my boonyss
 16 *cheesiden* deth. Y dispeiride, now Y schal no more lyue;
 17 Lord, spare thou me, for my daies ben nouȝt. What is
 a man, for thou magnifiest hym? ether what settist thou
 18 thin herte toward hym? Thou visitist hym eerly, and sud-
 19 eynli thou preuest hym. Hou long sparist thou not me,
 20 nether suffrist me, that Y swolowe my spotele? Y haue
 synned; A! thou kepere of men, what schal Y do to thee?
 Whi hast thou set me contrarie to thee, and Y am maad
 21 greuouse to my silf? Whi doist thou not awei my sinne,
 and whi takist thou not awei my wickidnesse? Lo! now
 Y schal slepe in dust, and if thou sekist me eerli, Y schal
 not abide.

CAP. VIII.

1, 2 SOTHELI Baldath Suytes answeride, and seide, Hou longe
 schalt thou speke siche thingis? The spirit of the word of
 3 thi mouth is manyfold. Whether God supplauenth, *ethir*
disseyueth, doom, and whether Almyȝti God distrieth that, that

4 is iust? ȝhe, thouȝ thi sones synneden aȝens hym, and he
 5 lefte hem in the hond of her wickidnesse; netheles, if thou
 6 risist eerli to God, and bisechist Almyȝti God, if thou goist
 7 clene and riȝtful, anon he schal wake fulli to thee, and schal
 8 make pesible the dwellyng place of thi ryȝtsulnesse; in so
 9 miche that thi formere thingis weren litil, and that thi laste
 10 thingis be multiplied greetli. For whi, axe thou the formere
 11 generacioun, and seke thou diligentli the mynde of fadrис.
 12 For we ben men of ȝistirdai, and kunnen not; for oure daies
 13 ben as schadewe on the erthe. And thei schulen teche thee,
 14 thei schulen speke to thee, and of her herte thei schulen bring
 15 forth spechis. Whether a rusche may lyue with out moys-
 16 ture? ethir a spier may wexe with out watir? Whanne it is
 17 ȝit in the flour, nethir is takun with hond, it wexeth drie bifor
 18 alle erbis. So the weies of alle men, that forȝeten God; and
 19 the hope of an ypocrite schal perische. His cowardise schal
 20 not plese hym, and his trist *schal be* as a web of yreyns. He
 21 schal leene, *ether reste*, on his hows, and it schal not stonde; he
 22 schal vndursette it, and it schal not rise togidere. The rusche
 23 semeth moist, bifor that the sunne come; and in the risyng
 24 of the sunne the seed therof schal go out. Rootis therof
 25 schulen be maad thicke on an heep of stoonys, and it schal
 26 dwelle among stoonys. If a man drawith it out of his place,
 27 his *place* schal denye it, and schal seie, Y knowe thee not.
 28 For this is the gladnesse of his weie, that eft othere ruschis
 29 springe out of the erthe. Forsothe God schal not caste a wei-
 30 a symple man, nethir schal dresse hond to wickid men; til
 31 thi mouth be fillid with leȝtir, and thi lippis with hertli song.
 32 Thei that haten thee schulen be clothid with schenschip; and
 33 the tabernacle of wickid men schal not stonde.

CAP. IX.

1, 2 JOOB answeride, and seide, Verili Y woot, that it is so, and
 that a man comparisound to God schal not be maad iust.
 3 If he wole stryue with God, he may not answeare to God oon
 4 for a thousynde. He is wiys in herte, and strong in myȝt;
 5 who aȝenstood hym, and hadde pees? Which bar hillis fro
 6 o place to anothir, and thei wisten not; welche he distriede
 in his strong veniaunce. Which stirith the erthe fro his
 place, and the pilers therof schulen be schakun togiderc.
 7 Which comaundith to the sunne, and it risith not; and he
 8 closith the sterris, as vndur a signet. Which aloone stretchith
 9 forth heuenes, and goith on the wawis of the see. Which
 makith Ariture, and Orionas, and Hiadas, *that is, seuene ster-*
 10 *ris,* and the innere thingis of the south. Which makith grete
 11 thingis, and that moun not be souȝt out, and wondurful
 12 If he cometh to me, *that is, bi his grace,* Y schal not se hym; if he goith awey,
that is, in withdrawynge his grace, Y schal not vndurstonde.
 13 If he axith sodeynli, who schal answeare to hym? ethir who
 14 may seie to hym, Whi doist thou so? God *is he*, whos
 wrath the no man may withstonde; and vndur whom thei ben
 15 answeare to hym, and speke bi my wordis with hym? Which
 also schal not answeare, thouȝ Y haue ony thing iust; but Y
 16 schal biseche my iuge. And whanne he hath herd me in-
 wardli clepynge, Y bileue not, that he hath herd my vois.
 17 For in a whirlewynd he schal al to-breke me, and he schal
 18 multiplie my woundis, ȝhe, without cause. He grauntith not,
 that my spirit haue reste, and he fillith me with bitirnesses.
 19 If strengthe is souȝt, he is moost strong; if equyte of doom
 o *is souȝt,* no man dar ȝelde witnessynge for me. If Y wole

make me iust, my mouth schal dampne me ; if Y schal schewe
 21 me innocent, he schal preue me a schrewe. ȝhe, thouȝ Y am
 symple, my soule schal not knowe this same thing ; and it
 22 schal anoye me of my lijf. O thing is, which Y spak, he
 schal waste *bi deth* also the innocent and wickid man. If he
 23 betith, sle he onys, and leiȝe *he* not of the peynes of innocent
 24 men. The erthe is ȝouun in to the hondis of the wickid ; he
 hilith the face of iugis ; that if he is not, who therfor is ?
 25 Mi daies weren swifstere than a corour ; thei fledden, and sien
 26 not good. Thei passiden as schippis berynge applis, as an
 27 egle fleynge to mete. Whanne Y seie, Y schal not speke
 so ; Y chaunge my face, and Y am turmentid with sorewe.
 28 Y drede alle my werkis, witynge that thou woldist not spare
 29 the trespassour. Sotheli if Y am also thus wickid, whi haue
 30 Y trauelid in veyn ? Thouȝ Y am waischun as with watriis of
 snow, and thouȝ myn hondis schynen as moost cleene,
 31 netheles thou schalt dippe me in filthis, and my clothis, *that*
 32 *is, werkis,* schulen holde me abhomynable. Trewli Y schal
 not answeare a man, which is likj me ; nether that may be
 33 herd euenli with me in doom. Noon is, that may repreue
 34 euer eithir, and sette his hond in bothe. Do he awei his
 35 ȝerde fro me, and his drede make not me aferd. Y schal
 speke, and Y schal not drede hym ; for Y may not answeare
 dredyng.

CAP. X.

1 YT anoieth my soule of my lijf ; Y schal lete my speche
 2 aȝens me, Y schal speke in the bitternesse of my soule. Y
 schal seie to God, Nyle thou condempne me ; schewe thou
 3 to me, whi thou demest me so. Whether it semeth good to
 thee, if thou falsli chalengist and oppressist me, the werk of
 thin hondis ; and if thou helpist the counsel of wickid men ?
 4 Whethir fleischli iȝen ben to thee, eithir, as a man seeth, also

5 thou schalt se? Whether thi daies *ben* as the daies of man,
 6 and thi ȝeiris ben as mannes tynes; that thou enquere my
 7 wickidnesse, and enserche my synne? And wite, that Y
 haue do no wickid thing; sithen no man is, that may delyuere
 8 fro thin hond? Thin hondis han maad me, and han formed
 me al in cumpas; and thou castist me doun so sodeynli.
 9 Y preye, haue thou mynde, that thou madist me as cley, and
 10 schalt brynge me aȝen in to dust. Whether thou hast not
 mylkid me as mylk, and hast cruddid me togidere as cheese?
 11 Thou clothidist me with skyn and fleisch; thou hast ioyned
 12 me togidere with boonys and scenewis. Thou hast ȝouc lijf
 13 and mercy to me, and thi visiting hath kept my spirit. Thou;
 thou helist these thingis in thin herte, nethelis Y woot, that
 14 thou hast mynde of alle thingis. If Y dide synne, and thou
 sparidist me at an our; whi suffrist thou not me to be cleene
 15 of my wickidnesse? And if Y was wickid, wo is to me; and
 if Y was iust, Y fillid with turment and wretchidnesse schal
 16 not reise the heed. And *if Y reise the heed* for pride, thou
 schalt take me as a lionesse; and thou turnest aȝen, and
 17 tormentist me wondirli. Thou gaderist in store thi witnessis
 aȝens me, and thou multipliest thin *yre*, *that is*, veniaunce,
 18 aȝens me; and peynes holden knyȝthod in me. Whi hast
 thou led me out of the wombe? And Y wolde, that Y were
 19 wastid, lest an iȝe schulde se me. That Y hadde be, as if Y
 were not, and were translatid, *ethir borun ouer*, fro the wombe
 20 to the sepulcre. Whether the fewnesse of my daies schal not
 be endid in schort? Therfor suffre thou me, that Y biweile
 21 a litil my sorewe, bifor that Y go, and turne not aȝen, to the
 derk lond, and hilid with the derknesse of deth, to the lond of
 22 wrecchidnesse and of derknessis; where *is* schadewe of deeth,
 and noon ordre, but euerlastynge hidousnesse dwellith.

CAP. XI.

1 FORSOTHE Sophar Naamathites answeride, and seide,
 2 Whether he, that spekith many thingis, schal not also
 here? ether whethir a man ful of wordis schal be maad iust?
 3 Schulen men be stille to thee aloone; whanne thou hast
 scorned othere men, schalt thou not be ouercomun of ony
 4 man? For thou seidist, My word is cleene, and Y am cleene
 5 in thi siȝt. And Y wolde, that God spak with thee, and
 6 openyde hise lippis to thee; to schewe to thee the priuetees
 of wisdom, and that his lawe is manyfold, and thou schuldist
 vndurstonde, that thou art requirid of hym *to paie* myche lesse
 7 thingis, than thi wickidnesse disserueth. In hap thou schalt
 comprehendre the steppis of God, and thou schalt fynde
 8 Almyȝti God til to perfecioun. He is hizere than heuene,
 and what schalt thou do? he is deppere than helle, and
 9 wheroft schalt thou knowe? His mesure is lengere than
 10 erthe, and brodere than the see. If he distrieth alle thingis,
 ethir dryueth streitli in to oon, who schal aȝenseie hym?
 11 Ethir who may seie to hym, Whi doest thou so? For he
 knowith the vanyte of men; and whether he seynge byholdith
 12 not wickidnesse? A veyn man is reisid in to pride; and
 13 gessith hym silf borun fre, as the colt of a wilde asse. But
 thou hast maad stidefast thin herte, and hast spred abrood
 14 thin hondis to hym. If thou doest awei fro thee the wickid-
 nesse, which is in thin hond, and vnriȝtfulnesse dwellith not
 15 in thi tabernacle, thanne thou schalt mowe reise thi face with-
 out wem, and thou schalt be stidefast, and thou schalt not
 16 drede. And thou schalt forȝete wretchidnesse, and thou
 17 schalt not thenke *of it*, as of watriis that han passid. And
 as myddai schynynge it schal reise to thee at euentid: and
 whanne thou gessist thee wastid, thou schalt rise vp as the

18 dai-sterre. And thou schalt haue trist, while hope schal be
 19 set forth to thee; and thou biried schalt slepe sikurli. Thou
 schalt reste, and noon schal be that schal make thee aferd;
 20 and ful many men schulen biseche thi face. But the iȝen of
 wickid men schulen faile; and socour schal perische fro hem,
 and the hope of hem schal be abhominacyoun of soule.

CAP. XII.

1, 2 SOTHELI Joob answeride, and seide, Therfor ben ȝe men
 3 aloone, that wisdom dwelle with ȝou? And to me is an herte,
 as and to ȝou, and Y am not lowere than ȝe; for who
 4 knowith not these thingis, whiche ȝe knownen? He that is
 scorned of his frend, as Y am, schal inwardli clepe God, and
 God schal here hym; for the symplenesse of a iust man is
 5 scorned. A laumpe is dispisid at the thouȝtis of riche men,
 6 and *the laumpe* is maad redi to a tyme ordeyned. The
 tabernaclis of robberis ben plenteuouse, *ether ful of goodis*;
 and boldli thei terren God to wraththe, whanne he hath ȝoue
 7 alle thingis in to her hondis. No wondur, ax thou beestis,
 and tho schulen teche thee; and *axe thou* volatilis of the eir,
 8 and tho schulen schewe to thee. Speke thou to the erthe,
 and it schal answeare thee; and the fischis of the see schulen
 9 telle tho thingis. Who knowith not that the hond of the
 10 Lord made alle these thingis? In whos hond the soule is of
 ech lyuynge thing, and the spirit, *that is, resonable soule*, of
 11 ech fleisch of man. Whether the eere demeth not wordis,
 12 and the chekis of the etere *demen* sauour? Wisdom is in
 13 elde men, and prudence is in myche tyme. Wisdom and
 strengthe is at God; he hath counsel and vndurstondyng.
 14 If he distrieth, no man is that bildith; if he schittith in a
 15 man, noon is that openith. If he holdith togidere watriis,
 alle thingis schulen be maad drie; if he sendith out tho

16 watriis, tho schulen distrie the erthe. Strengthe and wisdom
 is at God; he knowith bothe hym that disseyueth and hym
 17 that is disseyued. And he bryngith conselours in to a
 fonned eende, and iugis in to wondryng, *ethir astonying*.
 18 He vnbindith the girdil of kyngis, and girdith her reynes
 19 with a coorde. He ledith her prestis with out glorie, and
 20 he disseyueth the principal men, *ethir counselours*; and he
 chaungith the lippis of sothesfast men, and takith awei
 21 the doctrine of elde men. He schedith out dispisyng on
 22 princes, and releeueth hem, that weren oppressid. Which
 schewith depe thingis fro derknessis; and bryngith forth in
 23 to liȝt the schadewe of deeth. Which multiplieth folkis, and
 leesith hem, and restorith hem destried in to the hool.
 24 Which chaungith the herte of princes of the puple of erthe;
 and disseyueth hem, that thei go in veyn out of the weie.
 25 Thei schulen grope, as in derknessis, and not in liȝt; and he
 schal make hem to erre as drunken men.

CAP. XIII.

1 Lo! myn iȝe siȝ alle thingis, and myn eere herde; and Y
 2 vndurstood alle thingis. Euene with ȝoure kunningy also Y
 3 kan, and Y am not lowere than ȝe. But netheles Y schal
 speke to Almyȝti God, and Y coueite to dispute with God;
 4 and firste Y schewe ȝou makeris of leesyng, and louyeris of
 5 weyard techyngis. And Y wolde that ȝe weren stille, that
 6 ȝe weren gessid to be wise men. Therfor here ȝe my chas-
 7 tisyngis; and perseyue ȝe the doom of my lippis. Whether
 God hath nede to ȝoure leesyng, that ȝe speke gilis for hym?
 8 Whether ȝe taken his face, and ensorsen to deme for God?
 9 Ethir it schal plese hym, fro whom no thing mai be hid?
 Whether he as a man schal be disseyued with ȝoure fals-
 10 nessis? He schal reprcue ȝou; for ȝe taken his face in

11 hiddlis. Anoon as he schal stire hym, he schal disturble
 12 ȝou; and his drede schal falle on ȝou. ȝoure mynde schal
 be comparisound to aische; and ȝoure nollis schulen be
 13 dryun in to clei. Be ȝe stille a litil, that Y speke, what
 14 euer thing the mynde hath schewid to me. Whi to-rende

Y my fleischis with my teeth, and bere my lijs in myn
 15 hondis? ȝhe, thouȝ God sleeth me, Y schal hope in hym;
 16 netheles Y schal preue my weies in his siȝt. And he schal
 be my sauour; for whi ech ypocrite schal not come in his
 17 siȝt. Here ȝe my word, and perseyue ȝe with ceris derke
 18 and harde figuratif spechis. Yf Y schal be demed, Y woot
 19 that Y schal be foundun iust. Who is he that is demed with
 20 me? Come he; whi am Y stille, and am wastid? Do thou
 not to me twei thingis oneli; and thanne Y schal not be hid
 21 fro thi face. Make thin hond fer fro me; and thi drede
 22 make not me aferd. Clepe thou me, and Y schal answere
 thee; ethir certis Y schal speke, and thou schalt answere
 23 me. Hou grete synnes and wickidnessis haue Y? Schewe
 24 thou to me my felonyes, and trespassis. Whi hidist thou
 25 thi face, and demest me thin enemy? Thou schewist thi
 myȝt aȝens a leef, which is rauyschid with the wynd; and
 26 thou pursuest drye stobil. For thou writist bitternessis aȝens
 me; and wolt waste me with the synnes of my ȝong wex-
 27 ynge age. Thou hast set my foot in a stok, and thou hast
 kept alle my pathis; and thou hast biholde the steppis of
 28 my feet. And Y schal be wastid as rot, and as a cloth,
 which is etun of a mousȝe.

CAP. XIV.

1 A MAN is borun of a womman, and lyueth schort tyme,
 2 and is fillid with many wretchidnessis. Which goith out,
 and is defoulid as a flour; and fleeth as schadewe, and

dwellith neuere perfilli in the same staat. And gessist thou it worthi to opene thin iȝen on siche a man ; and to brynge hym in to doom with thee ? Who may make *a man* clene conseyued of vnclene seed ? Whether not thou, which art aloone ? The daies of man ben schorte, the noumbr of his monethis is at thee ; thou hast set, *ethir ordyned*, hise termes, whiche moun not be passid. Thersfor go thou awey fro hym a litil, *that is, by withdrawyng of bodili liff*, that he haue reste ; til the *meede* couteitid come, and his dai is as the dai of an hirid man. A tree hath hope, if it is kit doun ; and eft it wexith greene, and hisc braunches spreden forth. If the roote therof is eeld in the erthe, and the stok therof is nyȝ deed in dust ; it schal buriowne at the odour of watir, and it schal make heer, as whanne it was plauntid first. But whanne a man is deed, and maad nakid, and wastid ; Y preye, where is he ? As if watriis goen awei fro the see, and a ryuer maad voide wexe drie, so a man, whanne he hath slept, *that is, deed*, he schal not rise aȝen, til heuene be brokun, *that is, be maad newe* ; he schal not wake, nether he schal ryse togidere fro his sleep. Who ȝiueth this to me, that thou defende me in helle, and that thou hide me, til thi greet veniaunce passe ; and thou sette to me a tyme, in which thou haue mynde on me ? Gessist thou, whethir a deed man schal lyue aȝen ? In alle the daies, in whiche Y holde knyȝthod, now Y abide, til my chaungyng come. Thou schalt clepe me, and Y schal answere thee ; thou schalt dresse the riȝt half, *that is, blis*, to the werk of thin hondis. Sotheli thou hast noumbrid my steppis ; but spare thou my synnes. Thou hast seelid as in a bagge my trespassis, but thou hast curid my wickidnesse. An hil fallynge droppith doun, and a rooche of stoon is borun ouer fro his place. Watriis maken stoonys holowe, and the erthe is wastid litil and litil bi waischyng awey of watir ; and therfor thou schalt leese men in lijk maner.

20 Thou madist a man strong a litol, that he schulde passe with
 outen ende; thou schalt chaunge his face, and schalt sende
 21 hym out. Whether hise sones ben noble, ether vnnoble,
 22 he schal not vndurstonde. Netholes his fleisch, while he
 lyueth, schal haue sorewe, and his soule schal morne on hym
 silf.

CAP. XV.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Eliphat Themanytes answeride, and seide, Whe-
 ther a wise man schal answeare, as spekyng aȝens the wynd,
 3 and schal fille his stomac with brennyng, *that is, ire?* For
 thou repreuest hym bi wordis, which is not lijk thee, and
 4 thou spekist that, that spedith not to thee. As myche as is
 in thee, thou hast avoidid drede; and thou hast take awey
 5 preyeris bifor God. For wickidnesse hath tauȝt thi mouth,
 6 and thou suest the tunge of blasfemeris. Thi tunge, and
 not Y, schal condempne thee, and thi lippis schulen answeare
 7 thee. Whether thou art borun the firste man, and art formed
 8 bifor alle little hillis? Whether thou herdist the counsel of
 9 God, and his wisdom is lower than thou? What thing
 knowist thou, whiche we knownen not? What thing vndur-
 10 stondist thou, whiche we witen not? Bothe wise men and
 11 elde, myche eldre than thi fadris, ben among vs. Whether
 it is greet, that God coumforte thee? But thi schrewid
 12 wordis forbeden this. What reisith thin herte thee, and thou
 13 as thenkyngre grete thingis hast iȝen astonyed? What bol-
 eth thi spirit aȝens God, that thou brynge forth of thi mouth
 14 siche wordis? What is a man, that he be with out wem,
 15 and that he borun of a womman appere iust? Lo! noon
 among hise seyntis is vnchaungable, and heuenes ben not
 16 cleene in his siȝt. How myche more a man abhomynable
 17 and vnprofitable, that drynkith wickidnesse as water? I schal
 schewe to thee, here thou me; Y schal telle to thee that,

18 that Y siȝ. Wise men knoulechen, and hiden not her fadris.
 19 To whiche aloone the erthe is ȝoun, and an alien schal not
 20 passe bi hem. A wickid man is proud in alle hise daies;
 and the noumber of hise ȝeiris and of his tirauntrie is vncer-
 21 teyn. The sown of drede is euere in hise eeris, and whanne
 22 pees is, he supposithe euere tresouns. He bileueth not that
 he may turne aȝen fro derknessis to liȝt; and biholdith
 23 aboute on ech side a swerd. Whanne he stirith hym to seke
 breed, he woot, that the dai of derknessis is maad redi in
 24 his hond. Tribulacioun schal make hym aferd, and an-
 gwisch schal cumpas hym, as a kyng which is maad redi to
 25 batel. For he helde forth his hond aȝens God, and he was
 26 maad strong aȝens Almyȝti God. He ran with neck reisid
 27 aȝens God, and he was armed with fat nol. Fatnesse, *that is,*
 pride comyng forth of temporal abundaunce, hilide his face,
 that is, the knowyng of vndurstondyng, and outward fatnesse
 28 *hangith doun of his sidis.* He schal dwelle in desolat citees,
 and in deseert, *ethir forsakun, housis, that ben turned in to*
 29 *biriels.* He schal not be maad riche, nether his catel schal
 dwelle stidefastli; nether he schal sende his roote in the
 30 *erthe, nether he schal go awei fro derknessis.* Flawme schal
 make drie hise braunchis, and he schal be takun a wey bi
 31 *the spirit of his mouth.* Bileue he not veynli disseyued bi
 32 *errour, that he schal be aȝenbouȝt bi ony prijs.* Bisor that
 hise daies ben fillid, he schal perische, and hise hondis
 33 *schulen wexe drye;* he schal be hirt as a vyne in the firste
 flour of his grape, and as an olyue tre castinge awei his
 34 *flour.* For the gaderyng togidere of an ipocrite is bareyn,
 and fier schal deuoure the tabernaclis of hem, that taken
 35 *ȝiftis wilfuli.* He conseuyede sorewe, and childe wickid-
 nesse, and his wombe makith redi tretcheries.

CAP. XVI.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Joob answeride, and seide, Y herde ofte siche
 3 thingis; alle ȝe ben heuy coumfortouris. Whether wordis
 4 ful of wynd schulen haue an ende? ether ony thing is
 5 diseseful to thee, if thou spekist? Also Y myȝte speke
 6 thingis lijk to ȝou, and Y wolde, that ȝoure soule were for
 7 my soule; and Y wolde coumfort ȝou by wordis, and Y
 8 wolde moue myn heed on ȝou; Y wolde make ȝou stronge
 9 bi my mouth, and *Y wolde* moue lippis as sparynge ȝou.
 10 But what schal Y do? If Y speke, my sorewe restith not;
 11 and if Y am stille, it goith not awei fro me. But now my
 12 sorewe hath oppressid me, and alle my lymes ben dryuun
 13 in to nouȝt. My ryuelyngis ȝeien witnessyng aȝens me, and
 14 a fals spekere is reisid aȝens my face, and aȝenseith me.
 15 He gaderide togidere his woodnesse in me, and he ma-
 16 naasside me, and gnastide aȝens me with his teeth; myn
 17 enemye bihelde me with ferdful iȝen. Thei openyden her
 18 mouthis on me, and thei seiden schenschip, and smytiden
 19 my cheke; and thei ben fillid with my peynes. God hath
 closid me togidere at the wickid, and hath ȝoue me to the
 hondis of wickid men. Y thilke riche man and famouse
 sum tyme, am al to-brokun sudeynli; he helde my nol;
 he hath broke me, and hath set me as in to a signe. He
 hath cumpasside me with his speris, he woundide togidere
 my leendis; he sparide not, and schedde out myn entrails
 in to the erthe. He beet me with wounde on wounde;
 he as a giaunt felde in on me. Y sewide togidere a sak
 on my skyn; and Y hilide my fleisch with aische. My
 face bolnyde of wepynge, and myn iȝeliddis wexiden derke.
 Y suffride these thingis with out wickidnesse of myn hond,
 19 *that is, werk*, whanne Y hadde cleene preieris to God. Erthe,

hile thou not my blood, and my cry fynde not in thee a
 20 place of hidyng. For, lo! my witnesse is in heuene; and
 21 the knowere of my conscience is in hiȝe places. A! my
 22 frendis, ful of wordis, myn iȝe droppith to God. And Y
 wolde, that a man were demed so with God, as the sone
 23 of man is demed with his felowe. For lo! schorte ȝeiris
 passen, and Y go a path, bi which Y schal not turne aȝen.

CAP. XVII.

1 Mi spirit schal be maad feble; my daies schulen be maad
 2 schort, and oneli the sepulcre is left to me. Y have not
 3 synned, and myn iȝe dwellith in bittirnessis. Lord, delyuere
 thou me, and sette thou me bisidis thee; and the hond of
 4 ech fijte aȝens me. Thou hast maad the herte of hem fer
 fro doctryny, *ethir knowyng of tretuhe*; therfor thei schulen
 5 not be enhaunsid. He bihetith prey to felowis, and the
 6 iȝen of hise sones schulen faile. He hath set as in to a
 prouerbe of the comyn puple, and his saumple bifor hem.
 7 Myn iȝe dasewide at indignacioun; and my membris ben
 8 dryuun as in to nouȝt. Iust men schulen wondre on this
 thing; and an innocent schal be reisid aȝens an ypcrite.
 9 And a iust man schal holde his weie, and he schal adde
 10 strengthe to clene hondis. Therfor alle ȝe be conuertid,
 and come ȝe; and Y schal not fynde in ȝou ony wiys man.
 11 My daies ben passid; my thouȝtis ben scaterid, turment-
 12 ynge myn herte. Tho han turned the nyȝt in to day; and
 13 est astir derknessis hope liȝt. If Y susteyne, *ether suffre
 pacientli*, helle is myn hous; and Y haue arayede my bed
 14 in derknessis. Y seide to rot, Thou art my fadur; and
 15 to wormes, ȝe ben my modir and my sister. Therfor where
 16 is now myn abidyng? and who biholdith my pacience? Alle
 my thingis schulen go doun in to deppeste helle; gessist
 thou, whether reste schal be to me, nameli there.

CAP. XVIII.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Baldach Suythes answeride, and seide, Til to
 what ende schalt thou booste with wordis? Vndurstonde
 3 thou first, and so speke we. Whi ben we arrettid as beestis,
 4 and han we be foule bisfor thee? What leesist thou thi soule
 in thi woodnes? Whether the erthe schal be forsakun for
 thee, and hard stoonys schulen be borun ouer fro her place?
 5 Whethir the liȝt of a wickid man schal not be quenchid;
 6 and the flawme of his fier schal not schyne? Liȝt schal
 wexe derke in his tabernacle; and the lanterne, which is
 7 on hym, schal be quenchid. The steppis of his vertu
 schulen be maad streit; and his counsel schal caste hym
 8 doun. For he hath sent hise feet in to a net; and he
 9 goith in the meschis thereof. His foot schal be holdun
 10 with a snare; and thirst schal brenne out aȝens hym. The
 foot trappe of hym is hid in the erthe, and his snare on
 11 the path. Dredis schulen make hym aferd on ech side,
 12 and schulen biwlappe hise feet. His strengthe be maad
 13 feble bi hungur; and pouert asaile hise ribbis. Deuoure
 it the fairnesse of his skyn; the firste gendrid deth waste
 14 hise armes. His trist be takun awei fro his tabernacle;
 15 and perischyng, as a kyng, aboue trede on hym. The
 felowis of hym that is not, dwelle in his tabernacle; brymston
 16 be spreynet in his tabernacle. The rootis of hym be maad
 drie bynethe; sotheli his ripe corn be al to-brokun aboue.
 17 His mynde perische fro the erthe; and his name be not
 18 maad solempne in stretis. He schal put hym out fro liȝt
 in to derknessis; and he schal bere hym ouer fro the
 19 world. Nethir his seed nether kynrede schal be in his
 20 puple, nether ony relifs in hise cuntreis. The laste men
 schulen wondre in hise daies; and hidousnesse schal asaile

21 the firste men. Therfor these ben the tabernaclis of a wickid man; and this is the place of hym, that knowith not God.

CAP. XIX.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Joob answeride, and seide, Hou long turmente
 3 ȝe my soule, and al to-breken me with wordis? Lo! ten
 sithis ȝe schenden me, and ȝe ben not aschamed, oppres-
 4 synge me. Forsothe and if Y koude not, myn vnkynnyng
 5 schal be with me. And ȝe ben reisid ȝens me, and re-
 6 preuen me with my schenschipis. Nameli now vndurstonde
 7 ȝe, that God hath tormentid me not bi euene doom, and
 8 hath cumpassid me with hise betyngis. Lo! Y suffrynge
 violence schal crye, and no man schal here; Y schal crye
 9 loude, and noon is that demeth. He bisette aboute my
 path, and Y may not go; and he settide derknessis in my
 9 weie. He hath spuylid me of my glorye, and hath take
 10 awey the coroun fro myn heed. He hath distried me on
 ech side, and Y perischide; and he hath take awei myn
 11 hope, as fro a tree pullid vp bi the roote. His stronge
 veniaunce was wrooth ȝens me; and he hadde me so as
 12 his enemye. Hise theues camen togidere, and maden to
 hem a wei bi me; and bisegiden my tabernacle in cumpas.
 13 He made fer my briheren fro me; and my knowun as
 14 aliens ȝeden awei fro me. My neiboris forsoken me; and
 15 thei that knewen me han forȝete me. The tenauntis of myn
 hows, and myn handmaydis hadden me as a straunger; and
 16 Y was as a pilgrym bisor her iȝen. Y clepide my seruaunt,
 and he answeride not to me; with myn owne mouth Y
 17 preiede hym. My wijf wlatide my breeth; and Y preiede
 18 the sones of my wombe. Also foolis dispisiden me; and
 whanne Y was goon awei fro hem, thei bacbitiden me.
 19 Thei, that weren my counsellouris sum tyme, hadden ab-

homynacioun of me; and he, whom Y louede moost, was
 20 aduersarie to me. Whanne fleischis weren wastid, my boon
 cleuyde to my skyn; and oneli lippis ben left aboute my
 21 teeth. Haue $\text{\textit{ze}}$ merci on me, haue $\text{\textit{ze}}$ merci on me, nameli,
 $\text{\textit{ze}}$ my frendis; for the hond of the Lord hath touchid me.
 22 Whi pursuen $\text{\textit{ze}}$ me, as God *pursueth*; and ben fillid with
 23 my fleischis? Who $\text{\textit{zyueth}}$ to me, that my wordis be writun?
 24 Who $\text{\textit{zyueth}}$ to me, that tho be writun in a book with an
 yrun poynsil, ethir with a plate of leed; ethir with a chisel
 25 be grauun in a flynt? For Y woot, that myn azenbiere
 26 lyueth, and in the laste dai Y schal rise fro the erthe; and
 est Y schal be cumpassid with my skyn, and in my fleisch
 27 Y schal se God, my sauyour. Whom Y my silf schal se,
 and myn i \ddot{z} en schulen biholde, and not an other man. This
 28 myn hope is kept in my bosum. Whi therfor seien $\text{\textit{ze}}$ now,
 Pursue we hym, and fynde we the roote of a word azens
 29 hym? Therfor fle $\text{\textit{ze}}$ fro the face of the swerd; for the
 swerd is the vengere of wickidnessis, and wite $\text{\textit{ze}}$, that doom
 schal be.

CAP. XX.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Sophar Naamathites answeride, and seide, Ther-
 for my thou \ddot{z} tis dyuerse comen oon aftir another; and the
 3 mynde is rauyischid in to dyuerse thingis. Y schal here
 the techyng, bi which thou repreuest me; and the spirit
 4 of myn vndurstondyng schal answe me. Y woot this fro
 5 the bigynnyng, sithen man was set on erthe, that the preis-
 yng of wickid men is schort, and the ioie of an ypocrite
 6 is at the licnesse of a poynt. Thou \ddot{z} his pride stieth in to
 7 heuene, and his heed touchith the cloudis, he schal be lost
 in the ende, as a dunghil; and, thei that sien hym, schulen
 8 seie, Wherc is he? As a dreem fleynge awei he schal not
 9 be foundun; he schal passe as a ny \ddot{z} tis si \ddot{z} t. The i \ddot{z} e that

siȝ hym schal not se; and his place schal no more biholde
 10 him. Hise sones schulen be al to-brokun with nedynesse;
 11 and hise hondis schulen ȝelde to hym his sorewe. Hise
 boonyss schulen be fillid with the vices of his ȝong wexyng
 12 age; and schulen slepe with hym in dust. For whanne yuel
 13 was swete in his mouth, he hidde it vndur his tunge. He
 schal spare it, and schal not forsake it; and schal hide in
 14 his throte. His breed in his wombe schal be turned in to
 15 galle of snakis withynne. He schal spue out the richessis,
 whiche he deuouride; and God schal drawe tho ritchessis
 16 out of his wombe. He schal souke the heed of snakis;
 17 and the tunge of an addre schal sle hym. Se he not the
 stremys of the flood of the stronde, of hony, and of botere.
 18 He schal suffre peyne for alle thingis whiche he hath do,
 netheles he schal not be wastid; astir the multitude of his
 19 fyndyngis, so and he schal suffre. For he brake, and made
 nakid the hows of a pore man; he rauyschide, and bildide
 20 it not. And his wombe was not fillid; and whanne he hath
 21 that, that he couetide, he may not holde in possessioun. No
 thing leste of his mete; and therfor no thing schal dwelle
 22 of his goodis. Whanne he is fillid, he schal be maad streit;
 he schal be hoot, and alle sorewe schal falle in on hym.
 23 Y wolde, that his wombe be fillid, that he sende out in to
 hym the ire of his strong veniaunce, and reyne his batel
 24 on hym. He schal fle yrun armuris, and he schal falle in
 25 to a brasun boowe. Led out, and goyng out of his schethe,
 and schynynge, *ether smytinge with leit*, in to his bittirnesse;
 26 orrible *fendis* schulen go, and schulen come on hym. Alle
 derknessis ben hid in hise priuytees; fier, which is not
 teendid, schal deuoure hym; he schal be turmentid leſt in
 27 his tabernacle. Heuenes schulen schewe his wickidnesse;
 28 and erthe schal rise togidere ȝens hym. The seed of his
 hows schal be opyn; it schal be drawun doun in the dai

29 of the strong veniaunce of the Lord. This is the part of a wickid man, *which part is ȝouun* of God, and the eritage of hise wordis of the Lord.

CAP. XXI.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Joob answeride, and seide, Y preye, here ȝe
 3 my wordis, and do ȝe penaunce. Suffre ȝe me, that Y
 speke; and leiȝe ȝe astir my wordis, if it schal seme worthi.
 4 Whether my disputyng is aȝens man, that skilfuli Y owe
 5 not to be sori? Perseyue ȝe me, and be ȝe astonyed; and
 6 sette ȝe syngur on ȝoure mouth. And whanne Y bithenke,
 7 Y dредe, and tremblyng schakith my fleisch. Whi thersfor
 lyuen wickid men? Thei ben enhaunsid, and coumfortid
 8 with richessis. Her seed dwellith bisor hem; the cumpeny
 of kynesmen, and of sones of sones *dwellith* in her siȝt.
 9 Her housis ben sikur, and pesible; and the ȝerde of God
 10 is not on hem. The cow of hem conseyuede, and caluede
 not a deed calf; the cow caluyde, and is not priued of hir
 11 calf. Her litle children goen out as flockis; and her ȝonge
 12 children maken fulli ioye with pleies. Thei holden tympan,
 13 and harpe; and ioien at the soun of orgun. Thei leden
 in goodis her daies; and in a point thei goen doun to
 14 hellis. Whiche men seiden to God, Go thou awei fro us;
 15 we nylen the kunning of thi wcies. Who is Almiȝti
 God, that we serue him? and what profitith it to vs, if
 16 we preien him? Netholes for her goodis ben not in her
 hond, *that is, power*, the counsel of wickid men be fer
 17 fro me. Hou oste schal the lanterne of wickid men be
 quenchid, and flowing schal come on hem, and *God* schal
 18 departe the sorewis of his stronge veniaunce? Thei schulen
 be as chaffis bisor the face of the wynd; and as a deed
 19 sparcle, whiche the whirlowynd scaterith abrood. God schal
 kepe the sorewe of the fadir to hise sones; and whanne he

20 hath ȝoldun, thanne he schal wite. Hise iȝen schulen se
 her sleyng; and he schal drynke of the stronge veniaunce
 21 of Almyȝti God. For whi what perteyneth it to hym of
 his hows astir hym, thouȝ the noumbrē of his monethis
 22 be half takun awēy? Whether ony man schal teche God
 23 kunnyngh, which demeth hem that ben hīȝe? This yuel man
 dieth strong and hool, riche and blessful, *that is, myrie.*
 24 Hise entrails ben ful of fatnesse; and hise boonyss ben
 25 moistid with merowis. Sotheli another wickid man dieth
 in the bittirnesse of his soule, and with outhen ony richessis.
 26 And nethenes thei schulen slepe togidere in dust, and wormes
 27 schulen hile hem. Certis Y knowe ȝoure wickid thouȝtis,
 28 and sentensis ȝens me. For ȝe scien, Where is the hows
 of the prince? and where ben the tabernaclis of wickid
 29 men? Axe ȝe ech of the weie-goeris; and ȝe schulen
 30 knowe, that he vndurstondith these same thingis, that an
 yuel man schal be kept in to the dai of perdicoun, and
 31 schal be led to the dai of woodnesse. Who schal repreue
 hise weies bifor hym? and who schal ȝelde to hym tho
 32 thingis, whiche he hath doon? He schal be led to the
 sepulcris; and he schal wake in the heep of deed men.
 33 He was swete to the stoonys, *ether filthis,* of helle; and
 drawith ech man astir hym, and vnnoumbrable men bifor
 34 him. Hou therfor coumforten ȝe me in veyn, sithen ȝoure
 answeris ben schewid to repugne to treuthe?

CAP. XXII.

1 FORSOTHE Eliphat The manytes answeride, and seide,
 2 Whether a man, ȝe he, whanne he is of perfit kunnyngh, mai
 3 be comparisound to God? What profitith it to God, if
 thou art iust? ethir what schalt thou ȝyue to hym, if thi
 4 liȝf is without wem? Whether he schal drede, and schal

5 repreue thee, and schal come with thee in to doom, and
 not for thi ful myche malice, and thi wickidnessis with out
 6 noumbre, *these peynes bifelden iustli to thee?* For thou hast
 take awei with out cause the wed of thi britheren; and
 7 hast spuylid nakid men of clothis. Thou ȝauest not watir
 to the feynt man; and thou withdrawist breed fro the
 8 huntri man. In the strengthe of thin arm thou haddist
 the lond in possessioun; and thou moost myȝti heldist it.
 9 Thou lefist widewis voide; and al to-brakist the schuldris
 10 of sadirles children. Therfor thou art cumpassid with snaris;
 11 and sodeyn drede disturblith thee. And thou gessidist, that
 thou schuldist not se derknessis; and that thou schuldist
 not be oppressid with the fersnesse of watrie flowyng.
 12 Whether thou thenkist, that God is hiȝere than heuene,
 13 and is enhaunsid aboue the coppe of sterris? And thou
 seist, What sotheli knowith God? and, He demeth as bi
 14 derknesse. A cloude is his hidyng place, and he biholdith
 not oure thingis, and he goith aboue the herris of heuene.
 15 Whether thou couoitist to kepe the path of worldis, which
 16 wickid men han ofte go? Whiche weren takun awei bifor
 her tyme, and the flood distriede the soundement of hem.
 17 Whiche seiden to God, Go thou awei fro vs; and as if
 18 Almyȝti God may do no thing, thei gessiden hym, whanne
 he hadde fillid her housis with goodis; the sentence of
 19 whiche men be fer fro me. Iust men schulen se, and schulen
 20 be glad; and an innocent man schal scorne hem. Whether
 the reisyng of hem is not kit doun, and fier schal deuoure
 21 the relifs of hem? Therfor assente thou to God, and haue
 thou pees; and bi these thingis thou schalt haue best fruytis.
 22 Take thou the lawe of his mouth, and sette thou hise wordis
 23 in thin herte. If thou turnest aȝen to Almyȝti God, thou
 schalt be bildid; and thou schalt make wickidnesse fer fro
 24 thi tabernacle. He schal ȝyue a flynt for erthe, and goldun

25 strondis for a flynt. And Almyȝti God schal be aȝens thin
 enemyes; and siluer schal be gaderid togidere to thee.
 26 Thanne on Almyȝti God thou schalt flowe with delicis;
 27 and thou schalt reise thi face to God. Thou schalt preye
 hym, and he schal here thee; and thou schalt ȝelde thi
 28 vowis. Thou schalt deme a thing, and it schal come to
 29 thee; and lyȝt schal schyne in thi weies. For he that is
 mekid, schal be in glorie; and he that bowith doun hise
 30 iȝen, schal be saued. An innocent schal be saued; sotheli
 he schal be saued in the clennesse of hise hondis.

CAP. XXIII.

1, 2 SOTHELI Joob answeride, and seide, Now also my word
 is in bitternesse, and the hond of my wounde is aggreggid
 3 on my weilyng. Who ȝyueth to me, that Y knowe, and
 4 synde hym, and come til to his trone? Y schal sette doom
 bisor hym, and Y schal fille my mouth with blamyngis;
 5 that Y kunne the wordis, which he schal answe to me,
 6 and that Y vnderstonde, what he schal speke to me. Y nyle,
 that he stryue with me bi greet strengthe, nether oppresse
 7 me with the heuynesse of his greetnesse. Sette he forth
 equite aȝens me, and my doom come perfitli to victorie.
 8 If Y go to the eest, God apperith not; if Y go to the west,
 9 Y schal not vndurstonde hym; if Y go to the left side, what
 schal Y do? Y schal not take hym; if Y turne me to the
 10 riȝt side, Y schal not se hym. But he knowith my weie,
 and he schal preue me as gold, that passith thorouȝ fier.
 11 My foot suede hise steppis; Y kepte his weie, and Y bowide
 12 not awey fro it. Y ȝede not awei fro the comaundementis
 of hise lippis; and Y hidde in my bosum the wordis of his
 13 mouth. For he is aloone, and no man may turne awei hise
 thouȝtis; and what euer thing he wolde, his wille dide this

14 thing. Whanne he hath fillid his wille in me, also many
 15 othere lijk thingis ben redi to hym. And therfor Y am dis-
 turblid of his face, and Y biholdynge hym am anguyschid
 16 for drede. God hath maad neische myn herte, and Almyȝti
 17 God hath disturblid me. For Y perischide not for derk-
 nessis neiȝynge; nethir myist hilide my face.

CAP. XXIV.

1 Tymes ben not hid fro Almyȝti God; sotheli thei that knownen
 2 hym, knownen not hise daies. Othere men turneden ouer
 the termes of *neiȝboris eritage*, thei token awei flockis, and
 3 fedden tho. Thei driueden awei the asse of fadirlesse chil-
 4 dren, and token awei the cow of a widewe for a wed. Thei
 distrieden the weie of pore men, and thei oppressiden to-
 5 gidere the mylde men of erthe. Othere men as wielde assis
 in deseert goon out to her werk; and thei waken to prey,
 6 and bifor maken redy breed to her children. Thei kitten
 doun a feeld not hern, and thei gaderen grapis of his
 7 vyner, whom thei han oppressid bi violence. Thei leeuen
 men nakid, and taken awei the clothis, to whiche *men* is
 8 noon hiling in coold; whiche *men* the reynes of munteyns
 weeten, and thei han noon hilyng, and biclippen stoonys.
 9 Thei diden violence, and robbiden fadirles and modirles
 children; and thei spuyilden, *ether robbiden*, the comynte of
 10 pore men. Thei token awey eeris of corn fro nakid men,
 11 and goynge with out cloth, and fro hungry men. Thei
 weren hid in myddai among the heepis of tho men, that
 12 thirsten, whanne the presses ben trodun. Thei maden men
 of citees to weile, and the soulis of woundid men schulen
 crye; and God suffrith it not to go awei vnpunyschid.
 13 Thei weren rebel to list; thei knewen not the weyes therof,
 14 nether thei turneden aȝen bi the pathis therof. A mansleere

risith ful eerli, and sleeth a nedī man, and a pore man ;
 5 sotheli bi nyȝt he schal be as a nyȝt theef. The iȝe of
 avouter kepit̄ derknesse, and seith, An yȝe schal not se
 6 me ; and he schal hile his face. Thei mynen housis in
 derknessis, as thei seiden togidere to hem silf in the dai ;
 7 and thei knewen not liȝt. If the morewtid apperith sudeynli,
 thei demen the schadewe of deth ; and so thei goon in derk-
 8 nessis as in liȝt. He is vnstablere than the face of the
 water ; his part in erthe be cursid, and go he not bi the
 9 weie of vyneris. Passe he to ful greet heete fro the watri-
 o of snowis, and the synne of hym til to hellis. Merci forȝete
 hym ; his swetnesse be a worm ; be he not in mynde, but
 1 be he al to-brokun as a tre vnsfruytful. For he fedde the
 bareyn, and hir that childith not, and he dide not wel to
 2 the widewe. He drow doun stronge men in his strengthe ;
 and whanne he stondith *in greet state*, he schal not bileyue
 3 to his liȝf. God ȝaf to hym place of penaunce, and he
 mysusith that in to pride ; for the iȝen of God ben in the
 4 weies of that man. Thei ben reisid at a litil, and thei
 schulen not stonde ; and thei schulen be maad low as alle
 thingis, and thei schulen be takun awei ; and as the hyȝ-
 5 nessis of eeris of corn thei schulen be al to-brokun. That
 if it is not so, who may repreue me, that Y liede, and putte
 my wordis bifor God ?

CAP. XXV.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Baldach Suytes answeride, and seide, Power and
 drede is anentis hym, *that is, God*, that makith acordyng in
 3 hisc hiȝe thingis. Whether noumbre is of hisc knyȝtis ? and
 4 on whom schyneth not his liȝt ? Whether a man compari-
 sound to God mai be iustified, ether borun of a womman
 5 mai appere cleene ? Lo ! also the moone schyneth not, and

6 sterries ben not cleene in his siȝt; hou miche more a man
 rot, and the sone of a man a worm, *is vncleene and vile, if
 he is comparisound to God.*

CAP. XXVI.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Joob answeride, and seide, Whos helpere art
 thou? whether of the feble, and susteynesthe the arm of hym,
 3 which is not strong? To whom hast thou ȝoue counsel?
 In hap to hym that hath not wisdom; and thou hast schewid
 4 ful myche prudence. Ether whom woldist thou teche?
 5 whether not hym, that made brething? Lo! giauntis weilen
 6 vnder watriis, and thei that dwellen with hem. Helle is
 7 nakid bisfor hym, and noon hilyng is to perdicioun. Which
 God stretchith forth the north on voide thing, and hangith
 8 the erthe on nouȝt. Which God byndith watriis in her
 9 cloudis, that tho breke not out togidere dounward. Whych
 God holdith the cheer of his seete, and spredith abrood
 10 theron his cloude. He hath cumpassid a terme to watriis,
 11 til that liȝt and derknessis be endid. The pilers of heuene
 12 tremblen, and dreden at his wille. In the strengthe of hym
 the sees weren gaderid togidere sudeynly, and his prudence
 13 smoot the proude. His spiryt ournede heuenes, and the
 crokis serpent was led out bi his hond, ledynge out
 14 as a mydwijf ledith out a child. Lo! these thingis ben
 seid in partie of hise weyes; and whanne we han herd
 vnnethis a litil drope of his word, who may se the thundur
 of his greetnesse?

CAP. XXVII.

1, 2 ALSO Joob addide, takynge his parable, and seide, God
 lyueth, that hath take awey my doom, and Almyȝti God,

3 that hath brouȝt my soule to bitternesse. For as long as
 4 breeth is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nose-thirlis,
 5 my lippis schulen not speke wickidnesse, nether my tungē
 schal thenke a leesyng. Fer be it fro me, that Y deme ȝou
 iust; til Y faile, Y schal not go awei fro myn innocence.
 6 Y schal not forsake my iustifiyng, which Y bigan to holde;
 7 for myn herte repreueth me not in al my liȝf. As my wickid
 8 enemy doth; myn aduersarie is as wickid. For what is the
 hope of an ypcrite, if he rauyschith gredili, and God de-
 9 lyuerith not his soule? Whether God schal here the cry of
 10 hym, whanne angwisch schal come on hym? ether whether
 he may delite in Almyȝti God, and inwardli clepe God in
 11 al tyme? Y schal teche ȝou bi the hond of God, what
 12 thingis Almyȝti God hath; and Y schal not hide. Lo! alle
 13 ȝe knownen, and what speken ȝe veyn thingis with out cause?
 This is the part of a wickid man anentis God, and the
 eritage of violent men, ether rauenours, whiche thei schulen
 14 take of Almyȝti God. If hise children ben multiplied, thei
 schulen be *slayn* in swerd; and hise sones sones schulen
 15 not be fillid with breed. Thei, that ben residue of hym,
 schulen be biried in perischyng; and the widewis of hym
 16 schulen not wepe. If he gaderith togidere siluer as erthe,
 17 and makith redi clothis as cley; sotheli he made redi, but
 a iust man schal be clothid in tho, and an innocent man
 18 schal departe the siluer. As a mouȝte he hath bildid his
 19 hous, and as a keper he made a schadewyng place. A
 riche man, whanne he schal die, schal bere no thing with
 hym; he schal opene hise ȝisen, and he schal synde no thing.
 20 Pouert as water schal take hym; and tempeste schal op-
 21 presse hym in the nyȝt. Brennynge wynd schal take hym,
 and schal do awei; and as a whirlwynd it schal rauysche
 22 hym fro his place. He schal sende out *turmentis* on hym,
 23 and schal not spare; he fleynge schal fle fro his hond. He

schal streyne hise hondis on him, and he schal hisse on hym, and schal biholde his place.

CAP. XXVIII.

1 SILUER hath bigynnyngis of his veynes ; and a place is to
 2 gold, in which it is wellid togidere. Irun is takun fro erthe,
 and a stoon resolued, *ethir meltid*, bi heete, is turned in to
 3 money. God hath set tyme to derknessis, and he biholdith
 4 the ende of alle thingis. Also a stronde departith a stoon of
 derknesse, and the schadewe of deth, fro the purple goyng
 in pilgrymage ; *it departith* the *hillis*, whiche the foot of a
 5 nedī man forȝat, and *hillis* with out weie. The erthe, wher-
 6 of breed cam forth in his place, is destried bi fier. The
 place of saphir ben stoonys therof, and the clottis therof ben
 7 gold. A brid knewe not the weie, and the iȝe of a vultur,
 8 *ethir rauenouse brid*, bihelde it not. The sones of marchauntis
 9 tretiden not on it, and a lyonesse passide not therbi. God
 stretchide forth his hond to a flynt ; he distriede hillis fro
 10 the rootis. He hewide doun ryuers in stoonys ; and his iȝe
 11 siȝ al precious thing. And he souȝte out the depthis of
 12 floodis ; and he brouȝte forth hid thingis in to liȝt. But
 where is wisdom foundun, and which is the place of vndur-
 13 stondyng ? A man noot the prijs therof, nether it is foundun
 14 in the lond of men lyuynge swetli, *ether delicatli*. The depthe
 of watriis seith, It is not in me ; and the see spekith, It is not
 15 with me. Gold ful cleene schal not be ȝouun for wisdom,
 16 nether siluer schal be weied in the chaungyng therof. It
 schal not be comparysound to the died colours of Lynde, not
 to the moost preciouse stoon of sardius, nether to saphir.
 17 Nether gold, nether glas schal be maad euene worth therto ;
 18 and hiȝe and fer-apperynge vessels of gold schulen not be
 chaungid for wisdom, nether schulen be had in mynde in

comparisoun therof. Forsothe wisdom is drawun of pryuy
 19 thingis ; topasie of Ethiope schal not be maad euene worth
 to wisdom, and moost preciouse diyngis schulen not be set
 20 togidere in prijs, *ether comparisound*, therto. Therfor wherof
 cometh wisdom, and which is the place of vndurstondyng ?
 21 It is hid fro the iȝen of alle lyuynge men ; also it is hid fro
 22 briddis of heuene. Perdicoun and deeth seiden, With oure
 23 eeris we herden the fame therof. God vndurstondith the
 24 weye therof, and he knowith the place therof. For he bihold-
 ith the endis of the world, and biholdith alle thingis that ben
 25 vndur heuene. Which God made weȝte to wyndis, and
 26 weiede watriis in mesure. Whanne he settide lawe to reyn,
 27 and weie to tempestis sownynge ; thanne he siȝ wisdom, and
 28 telde out, and made redi, and souȝte out. And he seide to
 man, Lo ! the drede of the Lord, thilke is wisdom ; and to
 go awei fro yuel, *is vndurstondyng*.

CAP. XXIX.

1, 2 ALSO Joob addide, takynge his parable, and seide, Who
 ȝyueth to me, that I be bisidis the elde monethis, bi the daies
 3 in whiche God kepte me ? Whanne his lanterne schynede
 4 on myn heed, and Y ȝede in derknessis at his liȝt. As Y
 was in the daies of my ȝongthe, whanne in priuete God was
 5 in my tabernacle. Whanne Almyȝti God was with me, and
 6 my children weren in my cumpas ; whanne Y waischide my
 feet in botere, and the stoon schedde out to me the stremes
 7 of oile ; whanne Y ȝede forth to the ȝate of the citee, and in
 8 the street thei maden redi a chaier to me. ȝonge men, *that*
 is, wantoun, sien me, and weren hid, and elde men risynge
 9 vp stoden ; princes ceessiden to speke, and puttiden the
 10 fyngur on her mouth ; duykis refreyneden her vois, and her
 11 tunge cleuyde to her throte. An eere herynge blesside me,

12 and an iȝe seynge ȝeldide witnessyng to me ; for Y hadde
 13 delyueride a pore man criyng, and a fadirles child, that
 14 hadde noon helpere. The blesyng of a man to perische
 15 cam on me, and Y coumfortide the herte of a widewe. Y
 16 was clothid with riȝtfulnesse ; and Y clothide me as with a
 17 cloth, and with my doom a diademe. Y was iȝe to a blynde
 18 man, and foot to a crokyd man. Y was a fadir of pore
 19 men ; and Y enqueride most diligentli the cause, which Y
 20 knew not. Y al tobrak the grete teeth of the wickid man,
 21 and Y took awei prey fro hise teeth. And Y seide, Y schal
 die in my nest ; and as a palm tre Y schal multiplie daies.
 22 My roote is openyde bisidis watri, and deew schal dwelle in
 23 my repyng. My glorie schal euere be renulid, and my
 24 bouwe schal be astorid in myn hond. Thei, that herden
 25 me, abiden my sentence ; and thei weren ententif, and weren
 stille to my counsel. Thei dursten no thing adde to my
 wordis ; and my speche droppide on hem. Thei abididen
 me as reyn ; and thei openyden her mouth as to the softe
 reyn comynge late. If ony tyme Y leijide to hem, thei
 bileueden not ; and the liȝt of my cheer felde not doun in to
 erthe. If Y wolde go to hem, Y sat the firste ; and whanne
 Y sat as kyng, while the oost stood aboute, netholes Y was
 comfortour of hem that morenyden.

CAP. XXX.

1 BUT now ȝongere men in tyme scornen me, whos fadris
 2 Y deynede not to sette with the doggis of my flok. Of
 3 whiche men the vertu of hondis was for nouȝt to me, and
 thei weren gessid vnworthi to that liȝf. Thei *weren* bareyn
 for nedynesse and hungur ; that gnawiden in wildirnesse,
 4 and *weren* pale for pouert and wretchidnesse ; and eeten
 eerbis, and the ryndis of trees ; and the roote of iunyperis

5 was her mete. Whiche men rauyschiden these thingis fro
 6 grete valeis ; and whanne thei hadden foundun ony of alle,
 7 thei runnen with cry to tho. Thei dwelliden in deseertis of
 strondis, and in caues of erthe, ethir on grauel, *ethir on cley*.
 8 Whiche weren glad among siche thingis, and arettiden de-
 9 lices to be vndur buschis. The sones of foolis and of vn-
 noble men, and outirli apperynge not in erthe. But now

Y am turned in to the song of hem, and Y am maad a
 10 prouerbe to hem. Thei holden me abhomynable, and fleen
 11 fer fro me, and dreden not to spete on my face. For God
 hath openyd his arove-caas, and hath turmentid me, and
 12 hath set a bridil in to my mouth. At the riȝtside of the eest
 my wretchidnessis risiden anoon ; thei turneden vpsedoun
 my feet, and oppressiden with her pathis as with floodis.
 13 Thei destrieden my weies ; thei settiden tresoun to me, and
 14 hadden the maistri ; and noon was that helpide. Thei felden
 in on me as bi a brokun wal, and bi ȝate openyd, and weren
 15 stretchid forth to my wretchidnessis. Y am dryuun in to
 nouȝt ; he took awei my desir as wynd, and myn helpe
 16 passide awei as a cloude. But now my soule fadith in my
 17 silf, and daies of turment holden me stidfastly. In nyȝt my
 boon is persid with sorewis ; and thei, that eten me, slepen
 18 not. In the multitude of tho my cloth is wastid, and thei
 19 han gird me as with coler of a coote. Y am comparisound
 to cley, and Y am maad lijk to a deed sparcle and aisch.
 20 Y schal cry to thee, and thou schalt not here me ; Y stonde,
 21 and thou biholdist not me. Thou art chaungid in to cruel
 to me, and in the hardnesse of thin hond thou art aduersarie
 22 to me. Thou hast reisid me, and hast set as on wynd ; and
 23 hast hurtlid me doun strongli. Y woot, that thou schalt
 bitake me to deeth, where an hows is ordeyned to ech
 24 lyuynge man. Netheles thou sendist not out thin hond to
 the wastyng of hem ; and if thei fallen doun, thou schalt

25 sauē. Y wepte sum tyme on him, that was turmentid, and
 26 my soule hadde compassioun on a pore man. Y abood
 goodis, and yuelis ben comun to me; Y abood liȝt, and
 27 derknessis braken out. Myn ynnere thingis buylden out
 with outer my reste; daies of torment camen bifor me.
 28 Y ȝede morenyng, and Y roos with out woodnesse in the
 29 cumpenyne, and criede. Y was the brother of dragouns, and
 30 the felow of ostrigis. My skyn was maad blak on me, and
 31 my boonys drienden for heete. Myn harpe is turned in to
 morenyng, and myn orgun in to the vois of weperis.

CAP. XXXI.

1 I MADE couenaunt with myn iȝen, that Y schulde not
 2 thenke of a virgyn. For what part schulde God aboue haue
 3 in me, and eritage Almyȝti God of hiȝe thingis? Whether
 perdicoun is not to a wickid man, and alienacioun *of God*
 4 is to men worchynge wickidnesse? Whether he biholdith
 5 not my weies, and noumbrith alle my goyngis? If Y ȝede
 6 in vanyte, and my foot hastide in gile, God weie me in
 7 a iust balaunce, and knowe my symplenesse. If my step
 bowide fro the weie; if myn iȝe suede myn herte, and a
 8 spotte cleuede to myn hondis; sowe Y, and another ete,
 9 and my generacioun be drawun out bi the root. If myn
 herte was disseyued on a womman, and if Y settide aspies
 10 at the dore of my frend; my wiȝf be the hoore of anothir
 11 man, and othir men be bowid doun on hir. For this is
 12 vnleueful, and the moost wickidnesse. Fier is deourynge
 til to wastyng, and drawynge vp bi the roote alle genera-
 13 ciouns. If Y dispiside to take doom with my seruaunt and
 14 myn hand mayde, whanne thei stryueden aȝens me. What
 sotheli schal Y do, whanne God schal rise to deme? and
 whanne he schal axe, what schal Y awnswere to hym?

15 Whether he, that wrouȝte also hym, made not me in the
 16 wombe, and o *God* formede me in the wombe? If Y denyede
 to pore men that, that thei wolden, and if Y made the iȝen
 17 of a wydewe to abide: if Y aloone eet my mussel, and a
 18 faderles child eet not therof; for merciful doyng encreesside
 with me fro my ȝong childhed, and ȝede out of my modris
 19 wombe with me; if Y dispiside a man passynge forth, for
 20 he hadde not a cloth, and a pore man with out hilyng;
 if hise sidis blessiden not me, and was not maad hoot
 21 of the fleeces of my scheep; if Y reiside myn hond on
 a fadirles child, ȝhe, whanne Y siȝ me the hiȝere in the
 22 ȝate; my schuldre falle fro his ioynt, and myn arm with hise
 23 boonyss be al to-brokun. For euere Y dredde God, as
 wawis wexynge gret on me; and Y myȝte not bere his
 24 birthun. If Y gesside gold my strengthe, and if Y seide
 25 to purid gold, *Thou art* my trist; if Y was glad on my
 many ritchessis, and for myn hond foond ful many thingis;
 26 if Y siȝ the sunne, whanne it schynede, and the moone
 27 goynge clereli; and if myn herte was glad in priuyte, and
 28 if Y kisside myn hond with my mouth; which is the moost
 29 wickidnesse, and deniying aȝens hiȝeste God; if Y hadde
 ioye at the fallyng of hym, that hatide me, and if Y ioide
 30 fulli, that yuel hadde founde hym; for Y ȝaf not my throte
 to do synne, that Y schulde asaile and curse his soule;
 31 if the men of my tabernacle seiden not, Who ȝyueth, that
 32 we be fillid of hise fleischis? a pilgryme dwellide not with
 33 outforth; my dore was opyn to a weiegoere; if Y as man
 hidde my synne, and helide my wickidnesse in my bosum;
 34 if Y dredde at ful greet multitude, and if dispisyng of neyȝ-
 boris made me aferd; and not more Y was stille, and ȝede
 35 not out of the dore; who ȝyueth an helpere to me, that
 Almyȝti God here my desire? that he that demeth, write
 36 a book, that Y bere it in my schuldre, and cumpasse it as

37 a coroun to me? Bi alle my degrees Y schal pronounce it,
 38 and Y schal as offre it to the prynce. If my lond crieth
 39 aȝens me, and hise forewis wepen with it; if Y eet fruytis
 therof with out money, and Y turmentide the soule of erthe-
 40 tileris of it; a brere growe to me for wheete, and a thorn
 for barli.

CAP. XXXII.

1 FORSOTHE these thre men lesten of to answeare Joob, for
 2 he semyde a iust man to hem. And Helyu, the sone of
 Barachel Buzites, of the kynrede of Ram, was wrooth, and
 hadde indignacioun; forsothe he was wrooth aȝens Joob,
 3 for he seide hym silf to be iust bifor God. Sotheli Helyu
 hadde indignacioun aȝens the thre frendis of hym, for thei
 hadden not founde resonable answeare, but oneli hadde con-
 4 dempned Joob. Therfor Helyu abood Joob spekyng, for
 5 thei, that spaken, weren eldere men. But whanne he hadde
 seyn, that thre *men* myȝten not answeare, he was wrooth
 6 greetly. And Helyu, the sone of Barachel Buzites, an-
 swerede, and seyde, Y am ȝongere in tyme, sotheli ȝe ben
 eldere; therfor with heed holdun doun Y dredde to schewe
 7 to ȝou my sentence. For Y hopide that lengere age schulde
 speke, and that the multitude of ȝeiris schulden teche
 8 wisdom. But as Y se, spirit is in men, and the enspiryng,
ether reuelacioun, of Almyȝti God ȝyueth vndurstondyng.
 9 Men of long liff ben not wise, and elde men vndurstonden
 10 not doom. Therfor Y schal seie, Here ȝe me, and Y also
 11 schal schewe my kunningg to ȝou. For Y abood ȝoure
 wordis, Y herde ȝoure prudence, as long as ȝe dispuytiden
 12 in ȝoure wordis. And as long as Y gesside ȝou to seie ony
 thing, Y bihelde; but as Y se, noon is of ȝou, that may
 13 repreue Joob, and answeare to hise wordis; lest perauenture
 ȝe seien, We han founde wisdom; God, and not man, hath

14 cast hym awei. Joob spak no thing to me, and Y not bi
 15 ȝoure wordis schal answere hym. Thei dredden, and an-
 sweriden no more, and token awei speche from hem silf.
 16 Therfor for Y abood, and thei spoken not, thei stoden, and
 17 answeriden no more; also Y schal answere my part, and
 18 Y schal schewe my kunningg. For Y am ful of wordis,
 and the spirit of my wombe, *that is, mynde*, constreyneth
 19 me. Lo! my wombe is as must with out spigot, *ether a*
 20 *rentyng*, that brekith newe vessels. Y schal speke, and
 brethe aȝen a litil; Y schal opene my lippis, and Y schal
 21 answere. Y schal not take the persoone of man, and Y
 22 schal not make God euene to man. For Y woot not hou
 long Y schal abide, and if my Makere take me awei after
 a litil tyme.

CAP. XXXIII.

1 THERFOR, Joob, here thou my spechis, and herkene alle
 2 my wordis. Lo! Y haue openyd my mouth, my tungē
 3 schal speke in my chekis. Of symple herte *ben* my wordis,
 4 and my lippis schulen speke clene sentence. The spirit of
 God made me, and the brething of Almyȝti God quykenyde
 5 me. If thou maist, answere thou to me, and stoonde thou
 6 aȝens my face. Lo! God made me as and thee; and also
 7 Y am formyd of the same cley. Netheles my myracle make
 thee not afeerd, and myn eloquence be not greuouse to thee.
 8 Therfor thou seidist in myn eeris, and Y herde the vois of
 9 thi wordis; Y am cleene, and with out gilt, and vnwemmed,
 10 and wickidnesse is not in me. For God foond querels in
 11 me, therfor he demyde me enemy to hym silf. He hath
 12 set my feet in a stok; he kepte alle my pathis. Therfor
 this thing it is, in which thou art not maad iust; Y schal
 13 answere to thee, that God is more than man. Thou stryuest

aȝenus God, that not at alle wordis he answeride to thee.
 14 God spekith onys, and the secounde tyme he rehersith not
 15 the same thing. *God spekith* bi a dreem in the visioun of
 nyȝt, whanne sleep fallith on men, and thei slepen in the
 16 bed. Thanne he openith the eeris of men, and he techith
 17 hem, and techith prudence; that he turne awei a man fro
 these thingis whiche he made, and delyuere hym fro pride;
 18 delyuerynge his soule fro corrupcioun, and his lijf, that it
 19 go not in to swcrd. Also *God blameth a synnere* bi sorewe
 in the bed, and makith alle the boonys of hym to fade.
 20 Breed is maad abhomynable to hym in his lijf, and mete
 21 desirable bifor to his soule. His fleisch schal faile for rot,
 and hise boonys, that weren hilid, schulen be maad nakid.
 22 His soule schal neiȝe to corrupcioun, and his lijf to thingis
 23 bryngynge deeth. If an aungel, oon of a thousynde, is
 24 spekyng for hym, that he telle the equyte of man, *God*
 schal haue mercy on hym, and schal seie, Delyuere thou
 hym, that he go not doun in corrupcioun; Y haue founde
 25 in what thing Y schal do merci to hym. His fleisch is
 wastid of tormentis; turne he aȝen to the daies of his ȝonge
 26 wexyng age. He schal biseche God, and he schal be
 quemesul to hym; and he schal se his face in hertly ioye,
 27 and he schal ȝelde to man his riȝtfulnessesse. He schal biholde
 men, and he schal seie, Y haue synned, and verili Y haue
 trespassid; and Y haue not resseyued, as Y was worthi.
 28 For he delyueride his soule, that it schulde not go in to
 29 perischyng, but that he lyuynge schulde se liȝt. Lo! God
 30 worchith alle these thingis in thre tymes bi alle men; that
 he aȝen clepe her soulis fro corrupcioun, and liȝtne in the
 31 liȝt of lyuynge men. Thou, Joob, perseyue, and here me,
 32 and be thou stille, the while Y speke. Sotheli if thou hast
 what thou schalt speke, answere thou to me, speke thou;
 33 for Y wole, that thou appere iust. That if thou hast not,

here thou me; be thou stille, and Y schal teche thee wisdom.

CAP. XXXIV.

1, 2 AND Helyu pronounside, and spak also these thingis, Wise men, here *ȝe* my wordis, and lerned men, herkne *ȝe* me; 3 for the ecre preueth wordis, and the throte demeth metis 4 bi taast. Chese we doom to vs; and se we among vs, 5 what is the betere. For Job seide, Y am iust, and God 6 hath distried my doom. For whi lesynge is in demyng 7 me, and myn arowe is violent with out ony synne. Who 8 is a man, as Joob is, that drynkith scornyng as watir? that goith with men worchyng wickidnesse, and goith with vn- 9 feithful men? For he seide, A man schal not plese God, 10 *ȝe* he, thouȝ he renneth with God. Therfor *ȝe* men hertid, *that is, vndurstonde*, here *ȝe* me; vnpite, *ethir cruelte*, be fer fro 11 God, and wickidnesse fro Almyȝti God. For he schal *ȝe* elde the werk of man to hym; and bi the weies of ech man he 12 schal restore to hym. For verili God schal not condempne with out cause; nether Almyȝti God schal distrie doom. 13 What othere man hath he ordeyned on the lond? ether 14 whom hath he set on the world, which he made? If God dressith his herte to hym, he schal drawe to hym silf his 15 spirit and blast. Ech fleisch schal faile togidere; and a man 16 schal turne aȝen in to aisch. Therfor if thou hast vndur- 17 stondyng, here thou that that is seid, and herkne the vois 18 of my speche. Whether he that loueth not doom may be maad hool? and hou condempnest thou so myche him, that 19 cleipith the duykis vnpitouse, *ethir vnfeithful*. Which takith not the persoones of princes, nether knew a tyraunt, whanne 20 he stryuede aȝens a pore man; for alle men ben the werk of hise hondis. Thei schulen die sudeynli, and at mydnyȝt

puplis schulen be troblid, *ethir schulen be bowid, as othere bookis han*; and schulen passe, and schulen take awei a
21 violent man with out hond. For the iȝen of God *ben* on
22 the weies of men, and biholdith alle goyngis of hem. No
derknessis ben, and no schadewe of deeth is, that thei, that
23 worchen wickidnesse, be hid there; for it is no more in
24 the power of man, that he come to God in to doom. God
schal al to-breke many men and vnnoumbrable; and schal
25 make othere men to stonde for hem. For he knowith the
werkis of hem; therfor he schal brynge yn niȝt, and thei
26 schulen be al to-brokun. He smoot hem, as vnpitouse
27 men, in the place of seinge men. Whiche ȝeden awei fro
hym bi castyng afore, and nolden vndurstonde alle hise
28 weies. That thei schulden make the cry of a nedī man
to come to hym, and that he schulde here the vois of pore
29 men. For whanne he grauntith pees, who is that con-
dempneth? Sithen he hidith his cheer, who is that seeth
hym? And on folkis and on alle men *he hath power to do*
30 *siche thingis*. Which makith a man ypcrite to regne, for
31 the synnes of the puple. Therfor for Y haue spoke to
32 God, also Y schal not forbede thee. If Y erride, teche
thou me; if Y spak wickidnesse, Y schal no more adde.
33 Whether God axith that *wickidnesse* of thee, for it displeside
thee? For thou hast bigunne to speke, and not Y; that
34 if thou knowist ony thing betere, speke thou. Men vndur-
35 stondynge, speke to me; and a wise man, here me. For-
sothe Joob spak folili, and hise wordis sownen not techyng.
36 My fadir, be Joob preude til to the ende; ceesse thou not
37 fro the man of wickidnesse, that addith blasfemye ouer hise
synnes. Be he constreyned among vs in the meene tyme;
and thanne bi hise wordis stire he God to the doom.

CAP. XXXV.

1, 2 THEREFOR Helyu spak est these thingis, Whethir thi thouȝt
 semeth euene, ether riȝtful, to thee, that thou schuldist seie,
 3 Y am riȝtfulere than God? For thou seidist, That, that is
 good, plesith not thee; ethir what profitith it to thee, if Y do
 4 synne? Therfor Y schal answere to thi wordis, and to thi
 5 frendis with thee. Se thou, and biholde heuene, and biholde
 6 thou the eir, that God is hiȝere than thou. If thou synnest
 aȝens hym, what schalt thou anoye hym? and if thi wickid-
 nessis ben multiplied, what schalt thou do aȝens hym? Certis
 if thou doist iustli, what schalt thou ȝyue to hym; ether
 8 what schal he take of thin hond? Thi wickidnesse schal
 anoie a man, which is lijk thee; and thi riȝtfulness schal
 9 helpe the sone of a man. Thei schulen cry for the mul-
 titude of fals challengeris, and thei schulen weile for the
 10 violence of the arm of tirauntis. And Joob seide not,
 Where is God, that made me, and that ȝaf songis in the
 11 nyȝt? Which God techith vs aboue the beestis of erthe,
 12 and he schal teche vs aboue the briddis of heuene. There
 thei schulen crye, and God schal not here, for the pride
 13 of yuele men. For God schal not here with out cause,
 14 and Almyȝti God schal biholde the causis of ech man. ȝhe,
 whanne thou seist, He biholdith not; be thou dermed bifor
 15 hym, and abide thou hym. For now he bryngith not in
 16 his strong veniaunce, nether vengith greetli felonye. Therfor
 Joob openith his mouth in veyn, and multiplieth wordis with
 out kunningyng.

CAP. XXXVI.

1, 2 ALSO Helyu addide, and spak these thingis, Suffre thou
 me a litil, and Y schal schewe to thee; for ȝit Y haue that,

3 that Y schal speke for God. Y schal reherse my kunningyng
 fro the bigynnyng; and Y schal preue my worchere iust.
 4 For verili my wordis ben with out leesyng, and persit kun-
 nyng schal be preued to thee. God castith not awei myȝti
 6 men, sithen he is myȝli; but he saueth not wickid men,
 7 and he ȝyueth dom to pore men. He takith not awei hise
 iȝen fro a iust man; and he settith kyngis in sekte with
 8 out ende, and thei ben reisid there. And if thei ben in
 9 chaynes, and ben boundun with the roopis of pouert, he
 schal shewe to hem her werkis, and her grete trespassis;
 10 for thei weren violent, *ethir rauenours*. Also he schal openc
 her eere, that he chastise; and he schal speke, that thei
 11 turne aȝen fro wickidnesse. If thei heren, and kepen, thei
 12 schulen fille her daies in good, and her ȝeris in glorie. Sotheli
 if thei heren not, thei schulen passe bi swerd, and thei
 13 schulen be wastid in foli. Feyneris and false men stiren
 the ire of God; and thei schulen not crye, whanne thei
 14 ben boundun. The soule of hem schal die in tempest;
 and the lijf of hem among men of wymmens condicions.
 15 He schal delyuere a pore man fro his angwisch; and he
 16 schal opene the eere of hym in tribulacioun. Therfor he
 schal sauе thee fro the streit mouth of the broddeste *tri-*
bulacioun, and not hauyng a foundement vndur it; sotheli
 17 the rest of thi table schal be ful of fatnesse. Thi cause
 is demed as *the cause* of a wickid man; forsothe thou schalt
 18 resseyue thi cause and doom. Therfor ire ouercome thec
 not, that thou oppresse ony man; and the multitude of
 19 ȝiftis bowe thee not. Putte doun thi greetnesse with out
 tribulacioun, and *putte doun* alle stronge men bi strengthe.
 20 Diliae thou not nyȝt, that puplis stie for hem. Be thou
 21 war, that thou bowe not to wickidnesse; for thou hast
 22 bigunne to sue this *wickidnesse* astir wretchidnesse. Lo!
 God is hiȝ in his strengthe, and noon is lijk hym among

23 the ȝyueris of lawe. Who mai seke out the weies of God ?
 ethir who dar seie to hym, Thou hast wrouȝt wickidnesse ?
 24 Haue thou mynde, that thou knowist not his werk, of
 25 whom men sungun. Alle men seen God; ech man bi-
 26 holdith afer. Lo ! God *is* greet, ouercomynge oure kun-
 nyng; the noumbre of hise ȝeiris is with out noumbre.
 27 Which takith awei the dropis of reyn; and schedith out
 28 reynes at the licesse of floodȝatis, whiche comen doun of
 29 the cloudis, that hilen alle thingis aboue. If he wole stretche
 30 forthe cloudis as his tente, and leite with his list fro aboue,
 31 he schal hile, ȝhe, the herris of the see. For bi these thingis
 he demeth puplis, and ȝyouth mete to many deedli men.

CAP. XXXVII.

32 In hondis he hidith list; and comaundith it, that it come
 33 est. He tellith of it to his freend, that it is his possessioun;
 1 and that he may stie to it. Myn herte dredde of this thing,
 2 and is moued out of his place. It schal here an heryng
 in the feerfulnesse of his vois, and a sown comynge forth
 3 of his mouth. He biholdith ouere alle heuenes; and his
 4 list *is* ouere the termes of erthe. Sown schal rore astir hym,
 he schal thundre with the vois of his greetnesse; and it
 5 schal not be souȝt out, whanne his vois is herd. God schal
 thundre in his vois wondurfulli, that makith grete thingis
 6 and that moun not be souȝt out. Which comaundith to
 the snow to come doun on erthe, and to the reynes of
 7 wijntir, and to the reynes of his strengthe. Which markith
 in the hond of alle men, that alle men knowe her werkis.
 8 An vnresonable beeste schal go in to his denne, and schal
 9 dwelle in his caue, *ethir derke place*. Tempestis schulen go
 10 out fro the ynnere thingis, and coold fro Arturus. Whanne
 God makith blowyng, frost wexith togidere; and est ful

11 brood watriſ ben ſched out. Whete deſirith cloudis, and
 12 cloudis ſpreeden abrood her liſt. Whiche cloudes cumpaſſen
 alle thiŋgiſ bi cumpaſ, whidur euere the wil of the gouernour
 ledith tho, to al thiŋ which he comaundith to tho on the
 13 face of the world; whether in o lynage, ethir in hiſ lond,
 ether in what euer place of hiſ merci he comaundith tho
 14 to be foundun. Joob, herkene thou theſe thiŋgiſ; ſtonde
 15 thou, and biholde the meruels of God. Whethir thou woost,
 whanne God comaundide to the reynes, that tho ſchulen
 16 ſchewe the liſt of hiſe cloudis? Whether thou knowiſt the
 17 grete weies of cloudis, and perfit kunnyngiſ? Whether thi
 cloothiſ ben not hoote, whanne the erthe iſ blowun with
 18 the south? In hap thou madiſt with hym heuenes, which
 19 mooſt ſad ben foundid, as of bras. Schewe thou to vs,
 what we ſchulen ſeie to hym; for we ben wlappid in derk-
 20 neſſiſ. Who ſchal telle to hym, what thiŋgiſ Y ſpeke?
 21 3he, if he ſpekith, a man ſchal be deuourid. And now men
 ſeen not liſt; the eir ſchal be maad thiſe ſudenli in to
 22 cloudis, and wynd paſſyng ſchal dryue awei tho. Gold
 23 ſchal come fro the north, and ferful preiſyng of God. For
 we moun not fynde him worthili; *he iſ* greet in ſtrengthe,
 and in doom, and in riſfulneſſe, and may not be told out.
 24 Therfor men ſchulen drede hym; and alle men, that ſemen
 to hem ſilf to be wiſe, ſchulen not be hardi to biholde.

CAP. XXXVIII.

1 FORSOTHE the Lord answeride fro the whirlewynd to Joob,
 2 and ſeide, Who iſ this man, wlappyng ſentences with vn-
 3 wiſe wordiſ? Girde thou as a man thi leendis; Y ſchal
 4 axe thee, and anſwere thou to me. Where were thou,
 whanne Y ſettide the foundediſ of erthe? ſchewe thou
 5 to me, if thou haſt vndurſtondyng. Who ſettide meſures

therof, if thou knowist? ethir who stretchide forth a lyne theronne? On what thing ben the founementis therof maad fast? ether who sente doun the corner-stoon therof, whanne the morew sterriis herieden me togidere, and alle the sones of God sungun ioysfuli? Who closide togidere the see with doris, whanne it brak out comynge forth as of the wombe? Whanne Y settide a cloude the hilyng therof, and Y wlappide it with derknesse, as with clothis of ȝong childhed. Y cumpasside it with my termes, and Y settide a barre, and doris; and Y seide, Til hidur thou schalt come, and thou schalt not go forth ferthere; and here thou schalt breke togidere thi bolnynge wawis. Whethir astir thi birthe thou comaundist to the bigynnyng of dai, and schewidist to the morewtid his place? Whethir thou heldist schakyng togidere the laste partis of erthe, and schakedist awei wickid men therfro? A seeling schal be restorid as cley, and it schal stonde as a cloth. The liȝt of wickid men schal be takun awey fro hem, and an hiȝ arm schal be brokun. Whethir thou entridist in to the depthe of the see, and walkidist in the laste partis of the occian? Whether the ȝatis of deeth ben openyd to thee, and siest thou the derk doris? Whethir thou hast biholde the brede of erthe? Schewe thou to me, if thou knowist alle thingis, in what weie the liȝt dwellith, and which is the place of derknesse; that thou lede ech thing to hise termes, and thou vndurstonde the weies of his hows. Wistist thou thanne, that thou schuldist be borun, and knew thou the noumbre of thi daies? Whethir thou entridist in to the tresours of snow, ether biheldist thou the tresours of hail? whiche thingis Y made redy in to the tyme of an enemy, in to the dai of fijtyng and of batel. Bi what weie is the liȝt spred abrood, heete is departid on erthe? Who ȝaf cours to the strongeste reyn, and weie of the thundur sownyng? That it schulde reyne on the erthe

with out man in desert, where noon of deedli men dwellith?
 27 That it schulde fille a lond with out weie and desolat, and
 28 schulde brynge forth greene eerbis? Who is fadir of reyn,
 29 ether who gendride the dropis of deew? Of whos wombe
 30 ȝede out iys, and who gendride frost fro heuene? Watris
 ben maad hard in the licesse of stoon, and the ouer part
 31 of occian is streyned togidere. Whether thou schalt mowe
 ioyne togidere schynynge sterriis Pliades, ethir thou schalt
 32 mowe distrie the cumpas of Arturis? Whether thou bryng-
 ist forth Lucifer, *that is, dai-sterre*, in his tyme, and makist
 33 euene-sterre to rise on the sones of erthe? Whether thou
 knowist the ordre of heuene, and schalt sette the resoun
 34 therof in erthe? Whethir thou schalt reise thi vois in to a
 35 cloude, and the fersnesse of watriis schal hile thee? Whethir
 thou schalt sende leitis, and tho schulen go, and tho schulen
 36 turne aȝen, and schulen seie to thee, We ben present? Who
 puttide wisdoom in the entrailis of man, ethir who ȝaf vn-
 37 durstondyng to the cok? Who schal telle out the resoun
 of heuenes, and who schal make acordyng of heuene to
 38 sleep? Whanne dust was foundid in the erthe, and clottis
 39 weren ioyned togidere? Whether thou schalt take prey to
 40 the lionesse, and schalt fille the soulis of hir whelpis, whanne
 41 tho liggen in caues, and aspien in dennes? Who makith
 redi for the crowe his mete, whanne hise briddis crien to
 God, and wandren aboute, for tho han not meetis?

CAP. XXXIX.

1 WHETHIR thou knowist the tyme of birthe of wielde geet
 in stoonys, ethir hast thou aspied hyndis bryngynge forth
 2 calues? Hast thou noumbrid the monethis of her conseuyng,
 3 and hast thou knowe the tyme of her caluyng? Tho ben
 4 bowid to the calf, and caluen; and senden out roryngis. Her

calves ben departid, and goen to pasture ; tho goen out, and
 5 turnen not aȝen to tho *hyndis*. Who let go the wielde asse
 6 fre, and who loside the boondis of hym ? To whom Y haue
 7 ȝoue an haws in wildernes, and the tabernacles of hym in
 8 the lond of saltnesse. He dispisith the multitude of citee ; he
 9 herith not the cry of an axere. He lokith abouthe the hillis of
 vnycorn schal wilne serue thee, ethir schal dwelle at thi
 10 cratche ? Whether thou schalt bynde the vnicorn with thi
 chayne, for to ere, ethir schal he breke the clottis of valeis
 11 aftir thee ? Whether thou schalt haue trist in his grete
 12 strengthe, and schalt thou leeue to hym thi traueils ? Whether
 thou schalt bileue to hym, that he schal ȝelde seed to thee,
 13 and schal gadere togidere thi cornfloor ? The fetheres of an
 14 ostriche is lik the fetheris of a gersawcun, and of an hauk ;
 which *ostrige* forsakith hise eirun in the erthe, in hap thou schalt
 15 make tho hoot in the dust. He forȝetith, that a foot tredith
 16 tho, ethir that a beeste of the feeld al to-brekith *tho*. He is
 maad hard to hise briddis, as if thei ben not hise ; he tra-
 17 ueilide in veyn, while no drede constreynede. For God hath
 priued hym fro wisdom, and ȝaf not vnderstandingy to hym.
 18 Whanne tyme is, he reisith the wengis an hiȝ ; he scorneth
 19 the hors, and his ridere. Whether thou schalt ȝyue strengthe
 to an hors, ether schal ȝyue neiying abouthe his necke ?
 20 Whether thou schalt reyse hym as locustis ? The glorie of
 21 hise nosethirlis is drede. He diggith erthe with the foot, he
 22 fulli ioieth booldli ; he goith aȝens armed men. He dispisith
 23 ferdfulnessse, and he ȝyeth not stide to swerd. An arowe-
 caas schal sowne on hym ; a spere and scheeld schal florische.
 24 He is hoot, and gnastith, and swolewith the erthe ; and he
 25 arettith not that the crie of the trumpe sowneth. Whanne he
 herith a claroun, he seith, Joie ! he smellith batel afer ; the
 26 excityng of duykis, and the ȝellyng of the oost. Whether an

hauk spredinge abrood hise wyngis to the south, bigynneth
 27 to haue fetheris bi thi wisdom? Whether an egle schal be
 reisid at thi comaundement, and schal sette his nest in hiȝ
 28 places? He dwellith in stonyȝ, and he dwellith in flyntis
 brokun bifor, and in rochis, to whiche me may not neiȝe.
 29 Fro thennus he biholdith mete, and hise iȝen loken fro fer.
 30 Hise briddis souken blood, and where euere a careyn is,
 31 anoon he is present. And the Lord addide, and spak to
 32 Joob, Whether he, that stryuth with God, schal haue rest so
 liȝtli? Sotheli he, that repreueth God, owith for to answere
 33 to hym. Forsothe Joob answeride to the Lord, and seide,
 34 What may Y answere, which haue spoke liȝtli? Y schal
 35 putte myn hond on my mouth. Y spak o thing, which thing
 Y wold, that Y hadde not seid; and *Y spak* another thing, to
 which Y schal no more adde.

CAP. XL.

1 FORSOTHE the Lord answeride to Joob fro the whirlewynd,
 2 and seide, Girde thou as a man thi leendis, and Y schal axe
 3 thee, and schewe thou to me. Whether thou schalt make
 voide my doom, and schalt condempne me, that thou be
 4 maad iust? And if thou hast an arm, as God *hath*, and if
 thou thundrist with lijk vois, take thou fairnesse aboute thee,
 5 and be thou reisid an hiȝ, and be thou gloriouse, and be thou
 6 clothid in faire clothis. Distrie thou proude men in thi
 woodnesse, and biholde thou, and make lowe ech bostere.
 7 Biholde thou alle proude men, and schende thou hem; and
 8 al to-breke thou wickid men in her place. Hide thou hem
 in dust togidere, and drenche doun her faces in to a diche.
 9 And Y schal knowleche, that thi riȝt hond may sauе thee.
 10 Lo! behemot, whom Y made with thee, schal as an oxe ete
 11 hey. His strengthe *is* in hise leendis, and his vertu *is* in the

12 nawle of his wombe. He streyneth his tail as a cedre ; the
 13 senewis of his stones of gendrure ben soldid togidere. Hise
 boonys *ben* as the pipis of bras ; the gristil of hym *is* as platis
 14 of yrun. He is the bigynnnyng of the weies of God ; he, that
 15 made hym, schal sette his swerd *to hym*. Hillis beren eerbis
 to this *behemot* ; alle the beestis of the feeld pleien there.
 16 He sleipith vndur schadewe, in the pryuete of rehed, in moiste
 17 places. Schadewis hilen his schadewe ; the salewis of the
 18 ryuer cumpassen hym. He schal soupe vp the flood, and he
 19 schal not wondre ; he hath trist, that Jordan schal flowe in to
 his mouth. He schal take hem bi the iȝen of hym, as bi an
 hook ; and bi scharpe schastis he schal perse hise nosethirlis.
 20 Whether thou schalt mowe drawe out leuyathan with an
 21 hook, and schalt bynde with a roop his tunge ? Whethir
 thou schalt putte a ryng in hise nosethirlis, ethir schalt perse
 22 hyse cheke with an hook ? Whether he schal multiplie
 preieris to thee, ether schal speke softe thingis to thee ?
 23 Whether he schal make couenaunt with thee, and thou schalt
 24 take him a seruaunt euerlastinge ? Whether thou schalt
 scorne hym as a brid, ethir schalt bynde hym to thin hand-
 25 maidis ? Schulen frendis kerue hym, schulen marchauntis
 26 deparate hym ? Whether thou schalt fille nettis with his skyn,
 27 and a leep of fischis with his hecd ? Schalt thou putte thin
 hond on hym ? haue thou mynde of the batel, and adde no
 28 more to speke. Lo ! his hope schal disseyue hym ; and in
 the siȝt of alle men he schal be cast doun.

CAP. XLI.

1 I NOT as cruel schal reise hym ; for who may aȝenstonde
 2 my face ? And who ȝaf to me bisore, that Y ȝelde to hym ?
 3 Alle thingis, that ben vndur heuene, ben myne. Y schal not
 4 spare hym for myȝti wordis, and maad faire to biseche. Who
 schal schewe the face of his clothing, and who schal entre in

5 to the myddis of his mouth? Who schal opene the ȝatis of
 6 his cheer? ferdfulnesse is bi the cumpas of hise teeth. His
 bodi is as ȝotun scheldys of bras, and ioyned togidere with
 7 scalis ouerleiyng hem silf. Oon is ioyned to another; and
 8 sotheli brething goith not thorouȝ tho. Oon schal cleue to
 anothir, and tho holdyng hem silf schulen not be departid.
 9 His fnesyng is as schynynge of fier, and hise iȝen ben as
 10 iȝelidis of the morewtid. Laumpis comen forth of his mouth,
 11 as trees of fier, that ben kyndlid. Smoke cometh forth of
 12 hise nosethirlis, as of a pot set on the fier and boilynge. His
 breeth makith colis to brenne, and flawme goith out of his
 13 mouth. Strengthe schal dwelle in his necke, and nedynesse
 14 schal go bifor his face. The membris of hise fleischis ben
 cleuyng togidere to hem silf; God schal sende floodis aȝens
 15 hym, and tho schulen not be borun to an other place. His
 herte schal be maad hard as a stoon; and it schal be streyned
 16 togidere as the anefeld of a smith. Whanne he schal be
 takun awei, aungels schulen drede; and thei aferd schulen be
 17 purgid. Whanne swerd takith hym, it may not stonde, nethir
 18 spere, nether haburioun. For he schal arette irun as chaffis,
 19 and bras as rotun tre. A man archere schal not dryue hym
 awei; stoonys of a slynge ben turned in to stobil to hym.
 20 He schal arette an hamer as stobil; and he schal scorne a
 21 florischyne spere. The beemys of the sunne schulen be
 vndur hym; and he schal strewe to hym silf gold as cley.
 22 He schal make the depe se to buyle as a pot; and he schal
 23 putte, as whanne oynementis buylen. A path schal schyne
 astir hym; he schal gesse the greet occian as wexyngel eld.
 24 No power is on erthe, that schal be comparisound to hym;
 25 which is maad, that he schulde drede noon. He seeth al hiȝ
 thing; he is kyng ouer alle the sones of pride.

CAP. XLII.

1, 2 FORSOTHE Joob answeride to the Lord, and seide, Y
 woot, that thou maist alle thingis, and no thouȝt is hid fro
 thee. Who is this, that helith counsel with out kunningyng?
 Therfor Y spak vnwiseli, and tho thingis that passiden ouer
 4 mesure my kunningyng. Here thou, and Y schal speke; Y
 5 schal axe thee, and answerest thou to me. Bi heryng of eere
 6 Y herde thee, but now myn iȝe seeth thee. Therfor Y re-
 preue me, and do penaunce in deed sparcle and aische.
 7 Forsothe astir that the Lord spak these wordis to Joob, he
 seide to Eliphat Themanentes, My stronge veniaunce is wrooth
 aȝens thee, and aȝens thi twey frendis; for ȝe spoken not
 8 bifor me riȝtful thing, as my seruaunt Joob *dide*. Therfor
 take ȝe to ȝou seuene bolis, and seuene rammes; and go ȝe
 to my seruaunt Joob, and offre ȝe brent sacrifice for ȝou.
 Forsothe Joob, my seruaunt, schal preie for ȝou; Y schal
 resseyue his face, that foli be not arettid to ȝou; for ȝe
 spoken not bifor me riȝtful thing, as my seruaunt Joob *dide*.
 9 Therfor Eliphat Themanentes, and Baldach Suythes, and
 Sophar Naamathites, ȝeden, and diden, as the Lord hedde
 spoke to hem; and the Lord resseyuede the face of Joob.
 10 Also the Lord was conuertid to the penaunce of Joob,
 whanne he preiede for hise frendis. And the Lord addide
 11 alle thingis double, whiche euere weren of Joob. Sotheli
 alle hise britheren, and alle hise sistris, and alle that knewen
 hym bisore, camen to hym; and thei eeten breed with hym
 in his hows, and moueden the heed on hym; and thei
 coumfortiden hym of al the yuel, which the Lord hadde
 brouȝt in on hym; and thei ȝauen to hym ech man o scheep,
 12 and o goldun eere-ring. Forsothe the Lord blesside the
 laste thingis of Joob, more than the bigynnyng of hym;
 and souretene thousynde of scheep weren maad to hym,

and sixe thousinde of camels, and a thousynde ȝockis of
 13 oxis, and a thousynde femal assis. And he hadle seuene
 sones, and thre douȝtris; and he clepide the name of o
 douȝtir Dai, and the name of the secounde douȝtir Cassia,
 and the name of the thridde douȝtir An horn of wymmens
 14 oynement. Sotheli no wymmen weren foundun so faire in
 al erthe, as the douȝtris of Joob; and her fadir ȝaf eritage
 15 to hem among her britheren. Forsothe Joob lyuede astir
 these betyngis an hundrid and fourti ȝeer, and siȝ hise sones,
 and the sones of hise sones, til to the fourthe generacioun;
 and he was deed eld, and ful of daies.

P S A L M S.

PSALM I.

The firste psalm.

1 BLESSED is the man, that ȝede not in the councel of wickid
 men; and stood not in the weie of synneris, and sat not
 2 in the chaier of pestilence. But his wille is in the lawe of
 the Lord; and he schal bithenke in the lawe of hym dai
 3 and nyȝt. And he schal be as a tree, which is plauntid
 bisidis the rennyngis of wattris; which tre schal ȝyue his fruyt
 in his tyme. And his leef schal not falle doun; and alle
 thingis which euere he schal do schulen haue prosperite.
 4 Not so wickid men, not so; but *thei ben* as dust, which the
 5 wynd castith awei fro the face of erthe. Therfor wickid
 men risen not aȝen in doom; nethir synneres in the councel
 6 of iust men. For the Lord knowith the weie of iust men;
 and the weie of wickid men schal perische.

PSALM II.

The secounde salm.

1 Whi gnastiden with teeth hethene men; and puplis
 2 thouȝten veyn thingis? The kyngis of erthe stoden togidere;
 and princes camen togidere aȝens the Lord, and aȝens his
 3 Crist? Breke we the bondis of hem; and cast we awei the
 4 ȝok of hem fro vs. He that dwel lith in heuenes schal scorne
 5 hem; and the Lord schal bimowe hem. Thanne he schal
 speke to hem in his ire; and he schal disturb le hem in his
 6 stronge veniaunce. Forsothe Y am maad of hym a kyng
 7 on Syon, his hooli hil; prechynge his comaundement. The
 Lord seide to me, Thou art my sone; Y haue gendrid thee
 8 to-dai. Axe thou of me, and Y schal ȝyue to thee hethene
 men thin eritage; and thi possessioun the termes of erthe.
 9 Thou schalt gouerne hem in an yrun ȝerde; and thou schalt
 10 breke hem as the vessel of a pottere. And now, ȝe kyngis,
 11 vndurstonde; ȝe that demen the erthe, be lerud. Serue ȝe
 the Lord with drede; and make ȝe ful ioye to hym with
 12 tremblyng. Take ȝe lore; lest the Lord be wrooth sumtyme,
 13 and lest ȝe perischen fro iust waie. Whanne his ire brenneth
 out in schort tyme; blessed ben alle thei, that tristen in hym.

PSALM III.

1 *The title of the thridde salm. The salm of Dauid, whanne
 he fledde fro the face of Absolon, his sone.*

2, 3 LORD, whi ben thei multiplied that disturbлен me ? many
 men rysen aȝens me. Many men seien of my soule, Noon
 4 helthe is to hym in his God. But thou, Lord, art myn
 5 vptakere; my glorye, and enhaunsyng myn heed. With
 my vois Y criede to the Lord; and he herde me fro his
 6 hooli hil. I slepte, and was quenchid, and Y roos vp; for

; the Lord resseyued me. I schal not drede thousyndis of puple cumpassynge me; Lord, rise thou vp; my God, make s thou me saaf. For thou hast smyte alle men beyng aduersaries to me with out cause; thou hast al to-broke the 9 teeth of synneris. Helthe is of the Lord; and thi blesyng, *Lord, is on thi puple.*

PSALM IV.

1 *The title of the fourthe salm. To the victorie in orguns; the salm of Dauid.*

2 WHANNE Y inwardli clepid, God of my riȝtwisnesse herde
 3 me; in tribulacioun thou hast alarged to me. Haue thou
 mercy on me; and here thou my preier. Sones of men,
 hou long *ben ȝe* of heuy herte? whi louen ȝe vanite, and
 4 seken a leesyng? And wite ȝe, that the Lord hath maad
 merueilous his hooli man; the Lord schal here me, whanne
 5 Y schal crye to hym. Be ȝe wrothe, and nyle ȝe do synne;
 and *for tho thingis* whiche ȝe seien in ȝoure hertis and in
 6 ȝoure beddis, be ȝe compunct. Sacrifie ȝe the sacrifice of
 riȝtfulnessse, and hope ȝe in the Lord; many seien, Who
 7 schewide goodis to vs? Lord, the liȝt of thi cheer is markid
 8 on vs; thou hast ȝoue gladnesse in myn herte. Thei ben
 multiplied of the fruit of whete, *and* of wyn; and of her oile.
 9 In pees in the same thing; Y schal slepe, and take reste.
 10 For thou, Lord; hast set me syngulerli in hope.

PSALM V.

1 *The title of the fyuethe salm. To the ouercomere on the eritagiſ, the song of Dauid.*

2 LORD, perseyue thou my wordis with eeris; vndurstonde
 3 thou my cry. Mi kyng, and my God; ȝyue thou tent to

4 the vois of my preier. For, Lord, Y schal preie to thee;
 5 here thou eerly my vois. Eerli Y schal stonde nyȝ thee,
 and Y schal se; for thou art God not willynge wickidnesse.
 6 Nethir an yuel-willid man schal dwelle bisidis thee; nethir
 7 vniust men schulen dwelle bisor thin iȝen. Thou hatist alle
 that worchen wickidnesse; thou schalt leese alle that speken
 leesyng. The Lord schal holde abhomynable a manquel-
 8 lere, and gileful man. But, *Lord*, in the multitude of thi
 merci Y schal entre in to thin hows; Y schal worschipe to
 9 thin hooli temple in thi drede. Lord, lede thou forth me
 in thi riȝtfulnessesse for myn enemyes; dresse thou my weie
 10 in thi siȝt. For whi treuthe is not in her mouth; her herte
 11 is veyn. Her throte is an opyn sepulcre, thei diden gilefuli
 with her tungis; God, deme thou hem. Falle thei doun
 fro her thouȝtis, vp the multitude of her wickidnessis caste
 thou hem doun; for, Lord, thei han terrid thee to ire. And
 alle that hopen in thee, be glad; thei schulen make fulli
 12 ioye with outen ende, and thou schalt dwelle in hem. And
 13 alle that louen thi name schulen haue glorie in thee; for
 thou schalt blesse a iust man. Lord, thou hast corouned
 vs, as with the scheeld of thi good wille.

PSALM VI.

1 *The title of the sixte salm. To the ouercomere in salmes,*
 the salm of Dauid, on the eiȝthe.

2 *LORD*, repreue thou not me in thi stronge veniaunce;
 3 nether chastice thou me in thin ire. Lord, haue thou merci
 on me, for Y am sijk; Lord, make thou me hool, for alle
 4 my boonys ben troblid. And my soule is troblid greetli;
 5 but thou, Lord, hou long? Lord, be thou conuertid, and
 6 delyuere my soule; make thou me saaf, for thi merci. For
 noon is in deeth, which is myndful of thee; but in helle

7 who schal knouleche to thee? I traueilide in my weilyng,
 Y schal waische my bed bi ech nyȝt; Y schal moiste, *c̄ther*
 8 make sweet, my bedstre with my teeris. Myn iȝe is disturblid
 9 of woodnesse; Y waxe eld among alle myn enemyes. Alle
 10 ȝe that worchen wickidnesse, departe fro me; for the Lord
 11 hath herd the vois of my wepyng. The Lord hath herd
 11 my bisechyng; the Lord hath resseyued my preier. Alle
 my enemyes be aschamed, and be disturblid greetli; be thei
 turned togidere, and be thei aschamed ful swiftli.

PSALM VII.

1 *The title of the seuenthe salm. For the ignoraunce of Dauid,*
which he songe to the Lord on the wordis of Ethiopien, the
sone of Gemyny.

2 Mi Lord God, Y haue hopid in thee; make thou me saaf
 3 fro alle that pursuen me, and delyuere thou me. Lest ony
 tyme he as a lioun rauysche my soule; the while noon is
 4 that azenbieth, nether that makith saaf. Mi Lord God, if Y
 5 dide this thing, if wickidnesse is in myn hondis; if Y ȝeldide
 to men ȝeldynge to me yuels, falle Y bi disseruyng voide fro
 6 myn enemyes; myn enemy pursue my soule, and take, and
 desoule my līf in erthe; and brynge my glorie in to dust.
 7 Lord, rise thou vp in thin ire; and be thou reysid in the
 8 coostis of myn enemyes. And, my Lord God, rise thou in
 the coinaundement, which thou hast comaundid; and the
 9 synagoge of puplis schal cumpasse thee. And for this go
 thou aȝen an hiȝ; the Lord demeth puplis. Lord, deme
 thou me bi my riȝtfulnesse; and bi myn innocence on
 10 me. The wickidnesse of synneris be endid; and thou,
 God, sekynge the hertis and reynes, schalt dresse a iust
 11 man. Mi iust help *is* of the Lord; that makith saaf riȝt-
 12 ful men in herte. The Lord *is* a iust iuge, stronge and

13 pacient ; whether he is wrooth bi alle daies ? If þe ben not
 14 conuertid, he schal florische his swerd ; he hath bent his
 15 bouwe, and made it redi. And therynne he hath maad redi
 the vessels of deth ; he hath fulli maad his arewis with bren-
 16 nyng thingis. Lo ! he conseuyede sorewe ; he peynsuli
 17 brouȝte forth vnriȝtfulnessesse, and childe wickidnesse. He
 openide a lake, and diggide it out ; and he felde in to the
 18 dich which he made. His sorewe schal be turned in to his
 heed ; and his wickidnesse schal come doun in to his necke.
 I schal knoueleche to the Lord bi his riȝtfulnessesse ; and Y schal
 synge to the name of the hiȝeste Lord.

PSALM VIII.

1 *The title of the eiȝthe psalm. To the ouercomere, for
 pressours, the psalm of Dauid.*

2 *LORD, thou art oure Lord ; thi name is ful wonderful in al
 3 erthe. For thi greet doyng is reisid, aboue heuenes. Of the
 mouth of ȝonge children, not spekyng and soukyng mylk,
 thou madist perfili heriying, for thin enemyes ; that thou
 4 destrie the enemy and avengere. For Y schal se thin heue-
 nes, the werkis of thi syngrys ; the moone and sterries, whiche
 5 thou hast foundid. What is a man, that thou art myndesful
 of hym ; ethir the sone of a virgyn, for thou visitist hym ?
 6 Thou hast maad hym a litil lesse than aungels ; thou hast
 ; corouned hym with glorie and onour, and hast ordeyned
 8 hym aboue the werkis of thin hondis. Thou hast maad
 suget alle thingis vndur hise feet ; alle scheep and oxis,
 9 ferthermore and the beestis of the feeld ; the briddis of the
 eir, and the fischis of the see ; that passen bi the pathis of
 10 the see. Lord, thou art oure Lord ; thi name is wondurful
 in al erthe.*

PSALM IX.

1 *The title of the nynthe salm. In to the ende, for the pruyntees
of the sone, the salm of Dauid.*

2 LORD, Y schal knouleche to thee in al myn herte; Y schal
3 telle alle thi merueils. Thou liȝeste, Y schal be glad, and
Y schal be fulli ioicful in thee; Y schal synge to thi name.
4 For thou turnest myn enemy abac; thei schulen be maad
5 feble, and schulen perische fro thi face. For thou hast maad
my doom and my cause; thou, that demest riȝtfulnessse, hast
6 set on the trone. Thou blamedist hethene men, and the
wickid perischide; thou hast do awei the name of hem in to
7 the world, and in to the world of world. The swerdis of the
enemy failiden in to the ende; and thou hast distried the
citemen of hem. The mynde of hem perischide with sown;
8 and the Lord dwellith with outen ende. He made redi his
9 trone in doom; and he schal deme the world in equite, he
10 schal deme puplis in riȝtfulnessse. And the Lord is maad
refuyt, *ether help*, to a pore man; an helpere in couenable
11 tymes in tribulacioun. And thei, that knownen thi name,
haue hope in thee; for thou, Lord, hast not forsake hem that
12 seken thee. Synge ȝe to the Lord, that dwellith in Syon;
13 telle ȝe hise studyes among hethene men. God forȝetith not
the cry of pore men; for he hath mynde, and sekith the
14 blood of hem. Lord, haue thou merci on me; se thou my
15 mekenesse of myn enemyes. Which enhaunsist me fro the
ȝatis of deeth; that Y telle alle thi preisygis in the ȝatis of
16 the douȝter of Syon. Y schal be fulli joyesful in thin helthe;
heþene men ben fast set in the perisching, which thei maden.
In this snare, which thei hidden, the foot of hem is kauȝt.
17 The Lord makynge domes schal be knowun; the synnere is
18 takun in the werkis of hise hondis. Synneris be turned
19 togidere in to helle; alle folkis, that forȝeten God. For the

forȝetyng of a pore man schal not be in to the ende ; the
 pacience of pore men schal not perische in to the ende.
 20 Lord, rise thou vp, a man be not coumfortid ; folkis be
 21 demyd in thi siȝt. Lord, ordeine thou a lawe-makere on
 1 hem ; wite folkis, that thei ben men. (X.) Lord, whi hast
 thou go fer awei ? thou dispisist in couenable tymes in tribu-
 2 lacioun. While the wickid is proud, the pore man is brent ;
 thei ben taken in the counsels, bi whiche thei thenken.
 3 Forwhi the synnere is preisid in the desiris of his soule ; and
 4 the wickid is blessid. The synnere wraththide the Lord ;
 5 vp the multitude of his ire he schal not seke. God is not in
 his siȝt ; his weies ben defoulid in al tyme. God, thi domes
 ben takun awei fro his face ; he schal be lord of alle his
 6 enemyes. For he seide in his herte, Y schal not be moued,
 7 fro generacioun in to generacioun without yuel. Whos mouth
 is ful of cursyng, and of bitterness, and of gyle ; trauel and
 8 sorewe is vndur his tunge. He sittith in aspies with ryche
 9 men in priuytees ; to sle the innocent man. Hise iȝen bi-
 holden on a pore man ; he settith aspies in hid place, as a
 lioun in his denne. He settith aspies, for to rauysche a
 pore man ; for to rauysche a pore man, while he drawith the
 10 pore man. In his snare he schal make meke the pore man ;
 he schal bowe hym silf, and schal falle doun, whanne he
 11 hath be lord of pore men. For he seide in his herte, God
 hath forȝete ; he hath turned awei his face, that he se not in
 12 to the ende. Lord God, rise thou vp, and thin hond be
 13 enhaunsid ; forȝete thou not pore men. For what thing
 terride the wickid man God to wraththe ? for he seide in his
 14 herte, God schal not seke. Thou seest, for thou biholdist
 trauel and sorewe ; that thou take hem in to thin hondis.
 The pore man is left to thee ; thou schalt be an helpere to
 5 the fadirles and modirles. Al to-breke thou the arme of the
 synnere, and yuel willid ; his synne schal be souȝt, and it

16 schal not be soundun. The Lord schal regne with outen
 ende, and in to the world of world; folkis, *ȝe* schulen perische
 17 fro the lond of hym. The Lord hath herd the desir of pore
 18 men; thin cere hath herd the makyng redi of her herte. To
 deme for the modirles and meke; that a man leie to no more
 to magnysie hym silf on erthe.

PSALM X (XI).

1 *The title of the tenth salm. To the victorie of Dauid.*

2 I TRISTE in the Lord; hou seien *ȝe* to my soule, Passe
 3 thou ouere in to an hil, as a sparowe *doith?* For lo! syn-
 neris han bent a bouwe; thei han maad redi her arowis in
 an arove-caas; for to schete in derknesse *rīȝtful* men in
 4 herte. For thei han distryed, whom thou hast maad perfit;
 5 but what dide the *rīȝtful* man? The Lord *is* in his hooli
 temple; *he is* Lord, his seete *is* in heuene. Hise *iȝen* bi-
 holden on a pore man; hise *iȝelidis* axen the sones of men.
 6 The Lord axith a iust man, and vnfelthful man; but he, that
 7 loueth wickidnesse, hatith his soule. He schal reyne snaris
 on synful men; fier, brymston, and the spirit of tempestis
 8 *ben* the part of the cuppe of hem. For the Lord *is rīȝtful*,
 and louede *rīȝtfulnessis*; his cheer *siȝ* equite, *elhir eu-
 nessee*.

PSALM XI (XII).

1 *The title of the eleuenthe salm. To the victorie on the
 eiȝte, the song of Dauid.*

2 LORD, make thou me saaf, for the hooli failide; for treuthis
 3 ben maad litle fro the sones of men. Thei spaken veyn
 thingis, ech man to hys neigbore; *thei han* gileful lippis, thei
 4 spaken in herte and herte. The Lord destrie alle gileful
 5 lippis; and the greet spekyng tunge. Whiche seiden, We

schulen magnyfie oure tungē, our lippis ben of vs ; who is
 6 oure lord ? For the wretchednesse of nedy men, and for
 the weilyng of pore men ; now Y schal ryse vp, seith the
 Lord. I schal sette in helthe ; Y schal do tristili in hym.
 7 The spechis of the Lord ben chast spechis ; siluer examynyd
 s bi fier, preued fro erthe, purgid seuen fold. Thou, Lord,
 schalt kepe vs ; and thou schalt kepe vs fro this generacioun
 9 with outer ende. Wickid men goen in cumpas ; bi thin hiȝ-
 nesse thou hast multiplied the sones of men.

PSALM XII (XIII).

- 1 *The title of the twelfthe salm. To the victorie of Dauid.*

LORD, hou long forȝetist thou me in to the ende ? hou
 2 long turnest thou awei thi face fro me ? Hou long schal Y
 sette counsels in my soule ; sorewe in my herte bi dai ?
 3, 4 Hou long schal myn enemy be reisid on me ? My Lord
 God, biholde thou, and here thou me. Liȝtne thou myn
 5 iȝen, lest ony tyme Y slepe in deth ; lest ony tyme myn
 enemye seie, Y hadde the maistri aȝens hym. Thei, that
 troblen me, schulen haue ioie, if Y schal be stirid ; forsothe
 6 Y hopide in thi merci. Myn herte schal fulli haue ioie in
 thin helthe ; Y schal synge to the Lord, that ȝyueth goodis
 to me, and Y schal seie salm to the name of the hiȝeste
 Lord.

PSALM XIII (XIV).

- 1 *The title of the threttenthe salm. To the victorie of
 Dauid.*

THE vnwise man seide in his herte, God is not. Thei ben
 corrupt, and ben maad abhomynable in her studies ; noon is
 2 that doith good, noon is til to oon. The Lord bihelde fro
 heuene on the sones of men ; that he se, if ony is vndur-

3 stondynge, ethir sekyng God. Alle bowiden awei, togidere
 thei ben maad vnprofitable; noon is that doth good, noon is
 til to oon. The throte of hem is an open sepulcre, thei
 diden gilefulli with her tungis; the venom of snakis is vndur
 her lippis. Whos mouth is ful of cursyng and bittirnesse;
 her feet *ben* swift to schede out blood. Sorewe and cursid-
 nesse *is* in the weies of hem, and thei knewen not the weie
 of pees; the drede of God is not bifor her *iȝen*. Whether
 alle men that worchen wickidnesse schulen not knowe; that
 deuowren my puple, as mete of breed? Thei clepeden not
 the Lord; thei trembliden there for dred, where was no
 dred; for the Lord is in a riȝtful generacioun. Thou hast
 schent the counsel of a pore man; for the Lord is his hope.
 Who schal ȝyue fro Syon helthe to Israel? Whanne the
 Lord hath turned awei the caitife of his puple; Jacob schal
 fulli be ioiful, and Israel schal be glad.

PSALM XIV (XV).

The title of the fourtenthe salm. The salm of David.

1 LORD, who schal dwelle in thi tabernacle; ether who schal
 2 reste in thin hooli hil? He that entrith with out wem; and
 3 worchith riȝtfulness. Which spekith treuthe in his herte;
 which dide not gile in his tunge. Nethir dide yuel to his
 4 neȝbore; and took not schenschip aȝens hise neȝboris. A
 wickid man is brouȝt to nouȝt in his siȝt; but he glorifieth
 hem that dreden the Lord. Which swerith to his neȝbore,
 5 and disseyueth not; which ȝaf not his money to vsure; and
 took not ȝiftis on the innocent. He, that doith these thingis,
 schal not be moued with outen ende.

PSALM XV (XVI).

*The title of the fuenthe salm. Of the meke and symple, the
salm of Dauid.*

1, 2 LORD, kepe thou me, for Y haue hopid in thee ; Y seide to the Lord, Thou art my God, for thou hast no nede of my goodis. To the seyntis that ben in the lond of hym ; he made wondurful alle my willis in hem. The sikenessis of hem ben multiplied; astirward thei hastiden. I schal not gadire togidere the conuenticulis, *ethir little couentis*, of hem of bloodis ; and Y schal not be myndesful of her names bi my lippis. The Lord *is* part of myn eritage, and of my passion ; thou art, that schalt restore myn eritage to me. Coordanfelden to me in ful clere thingis ; for myn eritage is ful clear to me. I schal blesse the Lord, that ȝaf vndurstondyng to me ; furthermore and my reynes blameden me til to nyȝt. I purueide euere the Lord in my siȝt ; for he is on the riȝthalf to me, that Y be not moued. For this thing myn herte was glad, and my tunge ioyede fulli ; furthermore and my fleisch schal reste in hope. For thou schalt not forsake my soule in helle ; nether thou schalt ȝyue thin hooli to se corrupcioun. Thou hast maad knowun to me the weies of lijf ; thou schalt fille me of gladnesse with thi cheer ; delityngis *ben* in thi riȝthalf til in to the ende.

PSALM XVI (XVII).

1 *The title of the sixtenthe salm. The preier of Dauid.*

LORD, here thou my riȝtsulnesse ; biholde thou my preier. Perseuye thou with eeris my preier ; not *maad* in gileful lippis. 2, 3 Mi doom come forth of thi cheer ; thin iȝen se equite. Thou hast preued myn herte, and hast visitid in niȝt ; thou hast examynyd me bi fier, and wickidnesse is not foundun in me.

4 That my mouth speke not the werkis of men ; for the wordis
 5 of thi lippis Y haue kept harde weies. Make thou perfit my
 6 goyngis in thi pathis ; that my steppis be not moued. I
 7 criede, for thou, God, herdist me ; bowe doun thin eere to
 8 me, and here thou my wordis. Make wondursful thi mercies ;
 9 that makist saaf men hopynge in thee. Kepe thou me as the
 10 appil of the iȝe ; fro men aȝenstondyne thi riȝt hond. Keuere
 11 thou me vndur the schadewe of thi wyngis ; fro the face of
 12 vnpitouse men, that han turmentid me. Myn enemyes han
 13 cumpassid my soule ; thei han closide togidere her fatnesse :
 14 the mouth of hem spak pride. Thei castiden me forth, and
 15 han cumpassid me now ; thei ordeyneden to bowe doun her
 16 iȝen in to erthe. Thei, as a lioun maad redi to prey, han
 take me ; and as the whelp of a lioun dwellynge in hid places.
 17 Lord, rise thou vp, bifor come thou hym, and disseyue thou
 18 hym ; delyuere thou my lijf fro the vnpitouse, *delyuere thou*
 thi swerd fro the enemyes of thin hond. Lord, departe thou
 hem fro a fewe men of the lond in the lijf of hem ; her
 wombe is fillid of thin hid thingis. Thei ben fillid with
 19 sones ; and thei lesten her relifis to her litle children. But Y
 in riȝtfulnessesse schal appere to thi siȝt ; Y schal be fillid,
 whanne thi glorie schal appere.

PSALM XVII (XVIII).

- 1 *The title of the seuenetenth salm. To victorie, the word of the Lord to David; which spak the wordis of this song, in the dai in which the Lord delyuerede hym fro the hond of alle hise enemyes, and fro the hond of Saul; and he seide:*
- 2 *LORD, my strengthe, Y schal loue thee ; the Lord is my stidfastnesse, and my refuyt, and mi deliuерere. Mi God is myn helpere ; and Y schal hope in to hym. My defendere, and the horn of myn helthe ; and myn vptakere. I schal*

preise, and ynwardli clepe the Lord ; and Y schal be saaf fro
 5 myn enemyes. The sorewis of deth cumpassiden me ; and
 6 the strondis of wickidnesse disturbilden me. The sorewis of
 helle cumpassiden me ; the snaris of deeth bisor ocupieden
 7 me. In my tribulacioun Y inwardli clepide the Lord ; and Y
 criede to my God. And he herde my vois fro his hooli
 8 temple ; and my cry in his siȝt entride in to his eeris. The
 erthe was mouede togidere, and tremblede togidere ; the
 foundementis of hillis weren troblid togidere, and weren
 9 moued togidere ; for he was wrooth to hem. Smoke stiede
 in the ire of hym, and fier brente out fro his face ; coolis
 10 weren kyndlid of hym. He bowide doun heuenes, and cam
 11 doun ; and derknesse *was* vndur hise feet. And he stiede on
 12 cherubym, and flei ; he fley ouer the pennes of wyndis. And
 he settide derknesses his hidyng-place, his tabernacle in his
 cumpas ; derk water *was* in the cloudes of the lowere eir.
 13 Ful clear cloudis passiden in his siȝt ; hail and the coolis of
 14 fier. And the Lord thundrid fro heuene ; and the hiȝeste
 15 ȝaf his vois, hail and the coolis of fier *camen doun*. And he
 sente hise arowis, and distriede tho men ; he multiplieide leytis,
 16 and disturblide tho men. And the wellis of watriis apperiden ;
 and the foundementis of the erthe weren schewid. Lord, of
 17 thi blamyng ; of the brething of the spirit of thin ire. He
 sente fro the hiȝeste place, and took me ; and he took me fro
 18 many watriis. He delyuerede me fro my strongeste enemyes ;
 and fro hem that hatiden me, for thei weren coumfortid on
 19 me. Thei camen bisor me in the dai of my turment ; and
 20 the Lord was maad my defendere. And he ledde out me in
 21 to breed ; he maad me saaf, for he wolde me. And the
 Lord schal ȝelde to me bi my riȝtulnesse ; and he schal ȝelde
 22 to me bi the clennesse of myn hondis. For Y kepte the
 weies of the Lord ; and Y dide not vnfeithfuli fro my God.
 23 For alle hise domes *ben* in my siȝt ; and Y puttide not awei

24 fro me hise riȝtfulnessis. And Y schal be vnwemmed with
 25 hym ; and Y schal kepe me fro my wickidnesse. And the
 Lord schal ȝelde to me bi my riȝtfulnessse ; and bi the clen-
 26 nesse of myn hondis in the siȝt of hise iȝen. With the hooli,
 thou schalt be hooli ; and with a man innocent, thou schalt
 27 be innocent. And with a chosun man, thou schalt be chosun ;
 28 and with a weward man, thou schalt be weward. For thou
 schalt make saaf a meke puple ; and thou schalt make meke
 29 the iȝen of proude men. For thou, Lord, liȝtnest my lanterne ;
 30 my God, liȝtne thou my derknessis. For bi thee Y schal be
 delyuered fro temptacioun ; and in my God Y schal go ouer
 31 the wal. Mi God, his weie is vndesoulid, the speches of the
 Lord *ben* examyned bi fier ; he is defendere of alle men
 32 hopynge in hym. For whi, who *is* God, out-takun the Lord ?
 33 ethir who *is* God outakun oure God ? God that hath gird me
 34 with vertu ; and hath set my weie vnwemmed. Which made
 perfit my feet as of hertis ; and ordeynyng me on hiȝe
 35 thingis. Which techith myn hondis to batel ; and thou hast
 36 set myn armys as a brasun bouwe. And thou hast ȝoue to
 me the kyueryng of thin helthe ; and thi riȝthond hath vptake
 me. And thi chastisyng amendide me in to the ende ; and
 37 thilke chastisyng of thee schal teche me. Thou alargedist
 my paaces vndur me ; and my steppis ben not maad vnstide-
 38 fast. Y schal pursue myn enemyes, and Y schal take hem ;
 39 and Y schal not turne til thei failen. I schal al to-breke hem,
 and thei schulen not mowe stonde ; thei schulen falle vndur
 40 my feet. And thou hast gird me with vertu to batel ; and
 thou hast supplauntid, *ether disseyued*, vndur me men risyng
 41 aȝens me. And thou hast ȝoue myn enemyes abac to me ;
 42 and thou hast distried men hatyng me. Thei crierden, and
 noon was that maad hem saaf ; *thei crierden* to the Lord, and
 43 he herde not hem. And Y schal al to-breke hem, as dust
 bifor the face of wynd ; Y schal do hem awei, as the cley of

44 stretis. Thou schalt delyuere me fro azenseiyngis of the
 45 puple; thou schalt sette me in to the heed of folkis. The
 puple, which Y knewe not, seruede me ; in the herynge of
 46 eere it obeiede to me. Alien sones lieden to me, alien sones
 47 wexiden elde; and crokiden fro thi pathis. The Lord luyeth,
 and my God be blessid; and the God of myn helthe be
 48 enhaunsid. God, that ȝauest veniaunces to me, and makist
 suget puplis vndur me ; my delyuerere fro my wrathful
 49 enemyes. And thou schalt enhaunse me fro hem, that risen
 50 azens me ; thou schalt delyuere me fro a wickid man. Ther-
 for, Lord, Y schal knouleche to thee among naciouns ; and
 51 Y schal seie salm to thi name. Magnyfynge the helthis of
 his kyng; and doyng merci to his crist Dauid, and to his
 seed til in to the world.

PSALM XVIII (XIX).

1 *The title of the eighteenth psalm. To victorie, the psalm of Dauid.*

2 HEUENES tellen out the glorie of God ; and the firmament
 3 tellith the werkis of hise hondis. The dai tellith out to the
 dai a word ; and the nyȝt schewith kunningg to the nyȝt.
 4 No langagis ben, nether wordis ; of whiche the voices of hem
 5 ben not herd. The soun of hem ȝede out in to al erthe ; and
 6 the wordis of hem ȝeden out in to the endis of the world. In
 the sunne he hath set his tabernacle ; and he as a spouse
 comynge forth of his chaumbre. He fulli ioyede, as a giaunt,
 7 to renne his weie ; his goyng out was fro hiȝeste heuene.
 And his goyng aȝen was to the hiȝeste therof ; and noon is
 8 that hidith hym silf fro his heet. The lawe of the Lord is
 with out wem, and conuertith soulis ; the witnessyng of the
 9 Lord is feithful, and ȝyouth wisdom to little children. The
 riȝtfullnessis of the Lord *ben* riȝtful, gladdynge hertis ; the
 10 comaundement of the Lord *is* cleere, liȝtnynge iȝen. The

holi drede of the Lord dwellith in to world of world ; the
 11 domes of the Lord ben trewe, iustified in to hem silf. Desirable more than gold, and a stoon myche preciouze ; and
 12 swettere than hony and honycoomb. Forwhi thi seruaunt
 13 kepiteth thou ; myche ȝeldyng is in tho to be kept. Who
 vndurstondith trespassis? make thou me cleene fro my priuy
 14 synnes ; and of alien synnes spare thi seruaunt. If the *forseid*
defaulis ben not, Lord, of me, than Y schal be with out wem ;
 15 and Y schal be clensid of the mooste synne. And the spechis
 of my mouth schulen be, that tho pleseth ; and the thenkyngc
 of myn herte euere in thi siȝt. Lord, myn helpere ; and myn
 aȝenbiere.

PSALM XIX (XX).

1 *The title of the nyntenthe salm. To victorie,*
the salm of David.

2 THE Lord here thee in the dai of tribulacioun ; the name
 3 of God of Jacob defende thee. Sende he helpe to thee fro the
 4 hooli place ; and fro Syon defende he thee. Be he mynde-
 ful of al thi sacrifice ; and thi brent sacrifice be maad fat.
 5 ȝyue he to thee astir thin herte ; and conferme he al thi
 6 counsel. We schulen be glad in thin helthe ; and we schulen
 7 be magnysied in the name of oure God. The Lord fille
 alle thin axyngis ; nowe Y haue knowe, that the Lord hath
 maad saaf his crist. He schal here hym fro his hooly
 8 heuene ; the helthe of his riȝt hond is in poweris. Thes in
 charis, and these in horsis ; but we schulen inwardli clepe
 9 in the name of oure Lord God. Thei ben boundun, and
 10 felden doun ; but we han rise, and ben reisid. Lord, make
 thou saaf the kyng ; and here thou vs in the dai in which
 we inwardli clepen thee.

PSALM XX (XXI).

1 *The title of the twentithe salm. To victorie,
the salm of Dauid.*

2 LORD, the kyng schal be glad in thi vertu; and he schal
 3 ful out haue ioye greetli on thin helthe. Thou hast ȝoue to
 4 hym the desire of his herte; and thou hast not defraudid
 5 hym of the wille of hise lippis. For thou hast bisor come
 6 hym in the blesyngis of swetnesse; thou hast set on his
 7 heed a coroun of preciouuse stoon. He axide of thee lijſ,
 8 and thou ȝauest to hym; the lengthe of claiſ in to the world,
 9 and in to the world of world. His glorie is greet in thin
 10 helthe; thou schalt putte glorie, and greet fayrnesse on hym.
 11 For thou schalt ȝyue hym in to blessing in to the world of
 12 world; thou schalt make hym glad in ioye with thi cheer.
 13 For the kyng hopith in the Lord; and in the merci of the
 14 higheſte he schal not be moued. Thyn hond be founđun to
 alle thin enemyes; thi riȝlhond synde alle hem that haten
 15 thee. Thou schalt putte hem as a furneis of fier in the
 tyme of thi cheer; the Lord schal disturble hem in his ire,
 16 and fier schal deuoure hem. Thou schalt leese the fruyt of
 hem fro erthe; and *thou schalt leese* the seed of hem fro the
 17 sones of men. For thei bowiden yuels aȝens thee; thei
 18 thouȝten counſels, whiche thei myȝten not stablische. For
 thou schalt putte hem abac; in thi relifs thou schalt make
 19 redi the cheer of hem. Lord, be thou enhaunſid in thi vertu;
 we schulen synge, and seie opinly thi vertues.

PSALM XXI (XXII).

1 *The title of the oon and twentithe salm. To ouercome, for
the morewtid hynd; the salm of Dauid.*

2 God, my God, biholde thou on me, whi hast thou forsake
 me? the wordis of my trespassis *bēn* fer fro myn helthe.

3 Mi God, Y schal crye bi dai, and thou schalt not here ; and
 4 bi nyȝt, and not to vnwisdom to me. Forsothe thou, the
 5 preisynge of Israel, dwellist in holynesse ; oure fadris hopiden
 6 in thee, thei hopiden, and thou delyueridist hem. Thei
 7 crieden to thee, and thei weren maad saaf; thei hopiden
 8 in thee, and thei weren not schent. But Y am a worm,
 and not man ; the schenschip of men, and the outcastyng
 9 of the puple. Alle men seyng me scorneden me ; thei
 spaken with lippis, and stiriden the heed. He hopide in
 the Lord, delyuere he hym ; make he hym saaf, for he wole
 10 hym. For thou it art that drowist me out of the wombe,
 11 thou art myn hope fro the tetis of my modir ; in to thee Y
 am cast forth fro the wombe. Fro the wombe of my modir
 12 thou art my God ; departe thou not fro me. For tribu-
 13 lacioun is next ; for noon is that helpith. Many calues
 14 cumpassiden me ; fatte bolis bisegiden me. Thei openyden
 her mouth on me ; as *doith* a lioun rauyschynge and rorynge.
 15 I am sched out as watir ; and alle my boonys ben scaterid.
 Myn herte is maad, as wex fletynge abrood ; in the myddis
 16 of my wombe. Mi vertu drieide as a tiyl-stoon, and my
 tunge cleuede to my chekis ; and thou hast brouȝt forth me
 17 in to the dust of deth. For many doggis cumpassiden me ;
 the counsel of wickid men bisegide me. Thei delueden
 18 myn hondis and my feet ; thei noumbriden alle my boonys.
 19 Sotheli thei lokiden, and bihelden me ; thei departiden my
 20 clothis to hem silf, and thei senten lot on my cloth. But
 thou, Lord, delaie not thin help fro me ; biholde thou to
 21 my defence. God, delyuere thou my lijf fro swerd ; and
 delyuere thou myn oon aloone fro the hond of the dogge.
 22 Make thou me saaf fro the mouth of a lioun ; and my meke-
 23 nesse fro the hornes of vnycornes. I schal telle thi naime
 to my britheren ; Y schal preise thee in the myddis of the
 24 chirche. ȝe that dreden the Lord, herie hym ; alle the

25 seed of Jacob, glorifie þe hym. Al the seed of Israel drede
 hym; for he forsook not, nethir dispiside the preier of a pore
 man. Nethir he turnede awei his face fro me; and whanne
 26 Y criede to hym, he herde me. Mi preisyng is at thee in
 a greet chirche; Y schal ȝelde my vowis in the siȝt of men
 27 dredyng hym. Pore men schulen ete, and schulen be
 fillid, and thei schulen herie the Lord, that seken hym; the
 28 hertis of hem schulen lyue in to the world of world. Alle
 the endis of erthe schulen bithenke; and schulen be con-
 uertid to the Lord. And alle the meynees of hethene men;
 29 schulen worschipe in his siȝt. For the rewme is the Lordis;
 30 and he schal be Lord of hethene men. Alle the fatte men
 of erthe eeten and worschipiden; alle men, that goen doun
 31 in to erthe, schulen falle doun in his siȝt. And my soule
 32 schal lyue to hym; and my seed schal serue him. A gene-
 raciou恩 to comyng schal be teld to the Lord; and heuenes
 schulen telle his riȝtfulnesse to the puple that schal be borun,
 whom the Lord made.

PSALM XXII (XXIII).

1 *The title of the two and twentithe salm. The salm,
 ether the song of Dauid.*

THE Lord gouerneth me, and no thing schal faile to me;
 2 in the place of pasture there he hath set me. He nurschide
 3 me on the watir of refreischyng; he conuertide my soule.
 He ledde me forth on the pathis of riȝtfulnesse; for his
 4 name. For whi thouȝ Y schal go in the myddis of schadewe
 of deeth; Y schal not drede yuels, for thou art with me.
 5 Thi ȝerde and thi staf; tho han coumfortid me. Thou hast
 maad redi a boord in my siȝt; aȝens hem that troblen me.
 Thou hast maad fat myn heed with oyle; and my cuppe,
 6 fillinge greetli, is ful cleer. And thi merci schal sue me;

in alle the daies of my liff. And that Y dwelle in the hows
of the Lord; in to the lengthe of daies.

PSALM XXIII (XXIV).

1 *The title of the thre and twentithe salm. The song of Dauid.*

THE erthe and the fulnesse therof is the Lordis; the
2 world, and alle that dwellen therynne *is the Lordis.* For he
3 foundide it on the sees; and made it redi on floodis. Who
4 schal stie in to the hil of the Lord; ethir who schal stonde
5 in the hooli place of hym? The innocent in hondis, and
6 in cleene herte; whiche took not his soule in veyn, nether
7 swoor in gile to his neȝbore. This man schal take blesyng
8 of the Lord; and mercy of God his helthe. This is the
9 generacioun of men sekynge hym; of men sekynge the
10 face of God of Jacob. ȝe princes, take vp ȝoure ȝatis, and
ȝe euerelastynge ȝatis, be reisid; and the kyng of glorie
schal entre. Who is this kyng of glorie? the Lord strong
and myȝti, the Lord myȝti in batel. ȝe princes, take vp
ȝoure ȝatis, and ȝe euerelastynge ȝatis, be reisid; and the
kyng of glorie schal entre. Who is this kyng of glorie?
the Lord of vertues, he is the kyng of glorie.

PSALM XXIV (XXV).

1 *The title of the fourre and twentithe salm. To Dauid.*

2 LORD, to thee Y haue reisid my soule; my God, Y truste
3 in thee, be Y not aschamed. Nethir myn enemyes scorne
me; for alle men that suffren thee schulen not be schent.
4 Alle men doyng wickyd thingis superfluli; be schent.
Lord, schewe thou thi weies to me; and teche thou me
5 thi pathis. Dresse thou me in thi treuthe, and teche thou
me, for thou art God my sauour; and Y suffride thee al

6 dai. Lord, haue thou mynde of thi mercisul doyngis; and
 7 of thi mercies that ben fro the world. Haue thou not mynde
 on the trespassis of my ȝongthe; and on myn vnkunnyngis.
 Thou, Lord, haue mynde on me bi thi merci; for thi good-
 8 nesse. The Lord is swete and riȝtful; for this he schal
 9 ȝyue a lawe to men trespassynge in the weie. He schal
 dresse deboner men in doom; he schal teche mylde men
 10 hise weies. Alle the weies of the Lord ben mercy and
 treuthe; to men sekyng his testament, and hise witness-
 11 yngis. Lord, for thi name thou schalt do merci to my
 12 synne; for it is myche. Who is a man, that dredith the
 Lord? he ordeyneth to hym a lawe in the weie which he
 13 chees. His soule schal dwelle in goodis; and his seed
 14 schal enerite the lond. The Lord is a sadnessse to
 men dredynge hym; and his testament is, that it be
 15 schewid to hem. Myn iȝen ben euere to the Lord; for he
 16 schal breide awey my feet fro the snare. Biholde thou on
 me, and haue thou mercy on me; for Y am oon aloone
 17 and pore. The tribulaciouns of myn herte ben multiplied;
 18 delyuere thou me of my nedis. Se thou my mekenesse
 19 and my trauel; and forȝyue thou alle my trespassis. Bihold
 thou myn enemyes, for thei ben multiplied; and thei haten
 20 me bi wickid hatrede. Kepe thou my soule, and delyuere
 21 thou me; be Y not aschamed, for Y hopide in thee. Inno-
 cent men and riȝtful cleuyden to me; for Y suffride thee.
 22 God, delyuere thou Israel; fro alle hise tribulaciouns.

PSALM XXV (XXVI).

1 *The title of the fyue and twentithe psalm. To Dauid.*

LORD, deme thou me, for Y entride in myn innocens;
 and Y hopynge in the Lord schal not be made vnstidfast.
 2 Lord, preue thou me, and asaie me; brenne thou my reynes,

3 and myn herte. For whi thi merci is bifor myn iȝen; and
 4 Y pleside in thi treuthe. I sat not with the counsel of
 vanyte; and Y schal not entre with men doyng wickid
 5 thingis. I halide the chirche of yuele men; and Y schal
 6 not sitte with wickid men. I schal waische myn hondis
 among innocentis; and, Lord, Y schal cumpasse thin auter.
 7 That Y here the vois of heriying; and that Y telle out alle
 8 thi merueils. Lord, Y haue loued the fairnesse of thin hows;
 9 and the place of the dwellyng of thi glorie. God, leese thou
 not my soule with vnfeithful men; and my līf with men of
 10 bloodis. In whose hondis wyckidnessis ben; the riȝthond
 11 of hem is fillid with ȝifis. But Y entride in myn innocens;
 12 aȝenbie thou me, and haue merci on me. Mi foot stood in
 riȝtfulnessse; Lord, Y schal blesse thee in chirchis.

PSALM XXVI (XXVII).

1 *The title of the sixe and twentithe psalm. To Dauid.*

THE Lord is my liȝtnyng, and myn helthe; whom schal
 Y drede? The Lord is defendere of my līf; for whom schal
 2 Y tremble? The while noisul men neȝen on me; for to ete
 my fleischis. Myn enemyes, that trobliden me; thei weren
 3 maad sijk and felden doun. Thouȝ castels stonden togidere
 aȝens me; myn herte schal not drede. Thouȝ batel risith
 4 aȝens me; in this thing Y schal haue hope. I axide of the
 Lord o thing; Y schal seke this thing; that Y dwelle in
 the hows of the Lord alle the daies of my līf. That Y se
 5 the wille of the Lord; and that Y visite his temple. For he
 hidde me in his tabernacle in the dai of yuelis; he defendide
 6 me in the hid place of his tabernacle. He enhaunside me
 in a stoon; and now he enhaunside myn heed ouer myn
 enemyes. I cumpasside, and offride in his tabernacle a
 sacrifice of criyng; Y schal synge, and Y schal seie salm

7 to the Lord. Lord, here thou my vois, bi which Y criede
 8 to thee; haue thou merci on me, and here me. Myn herte
 seide to thee, My face souȝte thee; Lord, Y schal seke est
 9 thi face. Turne thou not awei thi face fro me; bouwe thou
 not awei in ire fro thi seruaunt. Lord, be thou myn helpere,
 forsake thou not me; and, God, myn helthe, dispise thou
 o not me. For my fadir and my modir han forsake me; but
 i the Lord hath take me. Lord, sette thou a lawe to me in
 thi weie; and dresse thou me in thi path for myn enemyes.
 2 Bitake thou not me in to the soules of hem, that troblen
 me; for wickid witnessis han rise aȝens me, and wickyd-
 3 nesse liede to it silf. I bileue to see the goodis of the
 4 Lord; in the lond of hem that lyuen. Abide thou the
 Lord, do thou manli; and thin herfe be coumfortid, and
 suffre thou the Lord.

PSALM XXVII (XXVIII).

1 *The title of the seuen and twentithe psalm. To Dauid.*

LORD, Y schal crye to thee; my God, be thou not stille
 fro me, be thou not stille ony tyme fro me; and Y schal
 2 be maad lijk to hem, that goen doun in to the lake. Lord,
 here thou the vois of my bisechyng, while Y preie to thee;
 3 whyle Y reise myn hondis to thin hooli temple. Bitake thou
 not me togidere with synneris; and leese thou not me with
 hem that worchen wickidnesse. Whyche speken pees with
 4 her neiȝbore; but yuels *ben* in her hertis. ȝyue thou to
 hem vpe the werkis of hem; and vpe the wickidnesse of
 her syndyngis. ȝyue thou to hem vpe the werkis of her
 5 hondis; ȝelde thou her ȝeldyng to hem. For thei vndur-
 stoden not the werkis of the Lord, and bi the werkis of hise
 hondis thou schalt destrie hem; and thou schalt not bilde
 6 hem. Blissid *be* the Lord; for he herde the vois of my

7 bisechyng. The Lord *is* myn helpere and my defendere ;
 and myn herte hopide in hym, and Y am helpid. And my
 fleisch flouride azen ; and of my wille Y schal knowleche
 8 to hym. The Lord *is* the strengthe of his puple ; and he
 9 is defendere of the sauyngis of his crist. Lord, make thou
 saaf thi puple, and bless thou thin eritage ; and reule thou
 hem, and enhaunse thou hem til in to with outer ende.

PSALM XXVIII (XXIX).

1 *The title of the eiȝt and twentithe salm. The salm,
 ethir song of Dauid.*

3E sones of God, brynge to the Lord ; brynge ȝe to the
 2 Lord the sones of rammes. Brynge ȝe to the Lord glorie
 and onour ; brynge ȝe to the Lord glorie to his name ;
 3 herie ȝe the Lord in his hooli large place. The vois of
 the Lord on watri, God of mageste thundrde ; the Lord
 4 on many watri. The vois of the Lord in vertu ; the vois
 5 of the Lord in greet doyng. The vois of the Lord brekyng
 cedris ; and the Lord schal breke the cedris of the Liban.
 6 And he schal al to-breke hem to dust as a calf of the Liban ;
 7 and the derling *was* as the sone of an vyncorn. The vois
 8 of the Lord departyng the flawme of fier ; the vois of the
 Lord schakynge desert ; and the Lord schal stire togidere
 9 the desert of Cades. The vois of the Lord makynge redi
 hertis, and he schal schewe thicke thingis ; and in his temple
 10 alle men schulen seie glorie. The Lord makith to enhabite
 the greet flood ; and the Lord schal sitte kyng with outer
 11 ende. The Lord schal ȝyue vertu to his puple ; the Lord
 schal blesse his puple in pees.

PSALM XXIX (XXX).

1 *The title of the nyne and twentith salm. The salm of song,
for the halewyng of the hows of Dauid.*

2 LORD, Y schal enhaunse thee, for thou hast vp take me;
3 and thou delitidist not myn enemyes on me. Mi Lord God,
4 Y criede to thee; and thou madist me hool. Lord, thou
5 leddist out my soule fro helle; thou sauisted me fro hem
6 that goen doun into the lake. 3e seyntis of the Lord, synge
to the Lord; and knowleche 3e to the mynde of his hooly-
nesse. For ire *is* in his indignacioun; and lijf *is* in his
wille. Wepyng schal dwelle at euentid; and gladnesse at
7 the morewtid. Forsothe Y seide in my plentee; Y schal
8 not be moued with outer ende. Lord, in thi wille; thou
hast 3oue vertu to my fairnesse. Thou turnedist awei thi
9 face fro me; and Y am maad disturblid. Lord, Y schal
10 crye to thee; and Y schal preye to my God. What profit
is in my blood; while Y go doun in to corrupcioun?
Whether dust schal knoueleche to thee; ethir schal telle
11 thi treuthe? The Lord herde, and hadde merci on me;
12 the Lord is maad myn helpere. Thou hast turned my
weilyng in to ioye to me; thou hast to-rent my sak, and
13 hast cumpassid me with gladnesse. That my glorie synge
to thee, and Y be not compunct; my Lord God, Y schal
knoueleche to thee with outer ende.

PSALM XXX (XXXI).

1 *The title of the thrittith salm. To victorie,
the salm of Dauid.*

2 LORD, Y hopide in thee, be Y not schent with outer ende;
3 delyuere thou me in thi riȝtfulnesse. Bouwe doun thin eere

to me; haaste thou to delyuere me. Be thou to me in to
God defendere, and in to an hows of refuyt; that thou
4 make me saaf. For thou art my strengthe and my refuyt;
and for thi name thou schalt lede me forth, and schalt
5 nurische me. Thou schalt lede me out of the snare, which
6 thei hidden to me; for thou art my defendere. I bitake my
spirit in to thin hondis; Lord God of treuthe, thou hast
7 aȝen-bouȝt me. Thou hatist hem that kepen vanytees super-
8 fluli. Forsothe Y hopide in the Lord; Y schal haue fulli
ioie, and schal be glad in thi merci. For thou byheldist
9 my mekenesse; thou sauisted my lijs fro nedis. And thou
closidist not me togidere withynne the hondis of the enemy;
10 thou hast sett my feet in a large place. Lord, haue thou
merci on me, for Y am troblid; myn iȝe is troblid in ire,
11 my soule and my wombe *ben troblid*. For whi my lijs failide
in sorewe; and my ȝeeris in weilynges. Mi vertu is maad
12 seble in pouert; and my boonys ben disturblid. Ouer alle
myn enemyes Y am maad schenship greetli to my neiȝboris;
and drede to my knowun. Thei that sien me with-ouf-forth,
13 fledden fro me; Y am ȝouun to forȝetyng, as a deed man
14 fro herte. I am maad as a lorun vessel; for Y herde dis-
pisynge of many men dwellynge in cumpas. In that thing
the while thei camen togidere aȝens me; thei counciliden
15 to take my lijs. But, Lord, Y hopide in thee; Y seide,
16 Thou art my God; my tymes *ben* in thin hondis. Delyuer
thou me fro the hondis of mynen enemyes; and fro hem
17 that pursuen me. Make thou cleer thi face on thi seruaunt;
18 Lord, make thou me saaf in thi merci; be Y not schent,
for Y inwardli clepide thee. Unpitouse men be aschamed,
19 and be led forth in to helle; gileful lippys be maad doumbe.
That speken wickidnesse aȝens a iust man; in pride, and
20 in mysusyng. Lord, the multitude of thi swetnesse *is* ful
greet; which thou hast hid to men dredynge thee. Thou

hast maad a perfit thing to hem, that hopen in thee; in
 21 the siȝt of the sones of men. Thou schalt hide hem in
 the priuyte of thi face; fro disturblyng of men. Thou
 schalt defende hem in thi tabernacle; fro azenseiying of
 22 tungis. Blessid *be* the Lord; for he hath maad wondur-
 23 ful his merci to me in a strengthid citee. Forsothe Y
 seide in the passyng of my soule; Y am cast out fro the
 face of thin iȝen. Thersfor thou herdist the vois of my
 24 preier; while Y criede to thee. Alle ȝe hooli men of the
 Lord, loue hym; for the Lord schal seke treuthe, and he
 25 schal ȝelde plenteuousli to hem that doen pride. Alle ȝe
 that hopen in the Lord, do manli; and ȝoure herte be
 coumfortid.

PSALM XXXI (XXXII).

The title of the oon and thrittisite salm. Lernyng to David.

1 BLESSID *ben* thei, whose wickidnessis ben forȝoun; and
 2 whose synnes ben hilid. Blessid *is* the man, to whom the
 3 Lord arrettide not synne; nethir gile is in his spirit. For
 Y was stille, my boonyss wexiden elde; while Y criede al
 4 dai. For bi dai and nyȝt thin hond was maad greuouse
 on me; Y am turned in my wretchednesse, while the thorn
 5 is set in. I made my synne knowun to thee; and Y hidde
 not my vnriȝtsulnesse. I seide, Y schal knoueleche aȝens
 me myn vnriȝtsulnesse to the Lord; and thou hast forȝoue
 6 the wickidnesse of my synne. For this thing ech hooli
 man schal preye to thee; in couenable tyme. Netheles in
 the greet flood of many watriis; tho schulen not neiȝe to
 7 thee. Thou art my refuyt fro tribulacioun, that compass-
 ide me; thou, my fulli ioiyng, delyuere me fro hem that
 8 compassen me. Y schal ȝyue vnderstondyng to thee, and
 Y schal teche thee; in this weie in which thou schalt
 9 go, Y schal make stidefast myn iȝen on thee. Nile ȝe be

maad as an hors and mule ; to whiche is noon vndurstondynge. Lord, constreyne thou the chekis of hem with a bernenacle and bridil ; that neijen not to thee. Many betyngis ben of the synnere ; but merci schal cumpasse hym that hopith in the Lord. ȝe iust men, be glad, and make fulli ioie in the Lord ; and alle ȝe riȝtful of herte, haue gloric.

PSALM XXXII (XXXIII).

The two and threttihe psalm hath no title.

1 ȝE iust men, haue fulli ioye in the Lord ; presyng togidere bicometh riȝtful men. Knouleche ȝe to the Lord in an harpe ; synge ȝe to hym in a sautre of ten strengis. 3 Synge ȝe to hym a newe song ; seie ȝe wel salm to hym in criyng. For the word of the Lord is riȝtful ; and alle 5 hise werkis *ben* in feithfulness. He loueth merci and 6 doom ; the erthe is ful of the merci of the Lord. Heuenes ben maad stidfast bi the word of the Lord ; and al the 7 vertu of tho bi the spirit of his mouth. And he gaderith togidere the watriis of the see as in a bowge ; and settith 8 depe watriis in tresours. Al erthe drede the Lord ; sotheli 9 alle men enhabitynge the world ben mouyd of hym. For he seide, and thingis weren maad ; he comaundide, and 10 thingis weren maad of nouȝt. The Lord distrieth the counsels of folkis, forsothe he repreueth the thouȝtis of puplis ; 11 and he repreueth the counsels of prynces. But the counsel of the Lord dwellith with outen ende ; the thouȝtis of his 12 herte *dwellen* in generacioun and into generacioun. Blessid is the folk, whose Lord is his God ; the puple which he 13 chees into eritage to hym silf. The Lord bihelde fro heuene ; 14 he siȝ alle the sones of men. Fro his dwellyng place maad redi bifor ; he bihelde on alle men, that enhabiten the erthe. 15 Which made syngulerli the soules of hem ; which vndur-

16 stondith all the werkis of hem. A kyng is not sauyd bi
 myche vertu; and a gaunt schal not be sauyd in the mychil-
 17 nesse of his vertu. An hors *is* false to helthe; forsothe
 he schal not be sauyd in the habundaunce, *ether plentee*, of
 18 his vertu. Lo! the *iȝen* of the Lord *ben* on men dredynge
 19 hym; and in hem that hopen on his merci. That he de-
 20 lyuere her soules fro deth; and feede hem in hungur. Oure
 soule suffreth the Lord; for he is oure helpere and de-
 21 sendere. For oure herte schal be glad in him; and we
 22 schulen haue hope in his hooli name. Lord, thi merci be
 maad on vs; as we hopiden in thee.

PSALM XXXIII (XXXIV).

1 *The title of the thre and thrittithe salm. To Dauid, whanne he chaungide his mouth bifor Abymalech, and he droof out Dauid, and he ȝede forth.*

2 I SCHAL blesse the Lord in al tyme; euere his heriying
 3 *is* in my mouth. Mi soule schal be preisid in the Lord;
 4 mylde men here, and be glad. Magnysie ȝe the Lord with
 5 me; and enhaunse we his name into it silf. I souȝte the
 Lord, and he herde me; and he delyueride me fro alle
 6 my tribulaciouns. Neiȝe ȝe to him, and be ȝe liȝtned; and
 7 ȝoure faces schulen not be schent. This pore man criede,
 and the Lord herde hym; and sauylde hym fro alle his
 8 tribulaciouns. The aungel of the Lord sendith in the cum-
 pas of men dredynge hym; and he schal delyuere hem.
 9 Taaste ȝe, and se, for the Lord is swete; blessid *is* the
 10 man, that hopith in hym. Alle ȝe hooli men of the Lord,
 drede hym; for no nedynesse is to men dredynge hym.
 11 Riche men weren nedi, and weren hungry; but men that
 12 seken the Lord schulen not faile of al good. Come, ȝe
 sones, here ȝe me; Y schal teche ȝou the drede of the

13 Lord. Who is a man, that wole lijf; loueth to se good
 14 daies? Forbede thi tunge fro yuel; and thi lippis speke
 15 not gile. Turne thou awei fro yuel, and do good; seke
 16 thou pees, and perfili sue thou it. The iȝen of the Lord
 17 ben on iust men; and hise eeran ben to her preiers. But
 the cheer of the Lord is on men doyng yuels; that he
 18 leese the mynde of hem fro erthe. Just men cryeden, and
 the Lord herde hem; and delyueride hem fro alle her tri-
 19 bulaciouns. The Lord is nyȝ hem that ben of troblid herte;
 20 and he schal sauē meke men in spirit. Many tribulaciouns
 ben of iust men; and the Lord schal delyuere hem fro alle
 21 these. The Lord kepith alle the boonys of hem; oon of
 22 tho schal not be brokun. The deth of synneris is werst;
 23 and thei that haten a iust man schulen trespassse. The
 Lord schal aȝenbie the soulis of hise seruauntis; and alle,
 that hopen in him, schulen not trespassse.

PSALM XXXIV (XXXV).

1 *The title of the fourte and thrittethe salm. To David.*

LORD, deme thou hem, that anoien me; ouercome thou
 2 hem, that fiȝten aȝens me. Take thou armeris and scheeld;
 3 and rise vp into help to me. Schede out the swerd, and
 close togidere aȝens hem that pursuen me; seie thou to my
 4 soule, Y am thin helthe. Thei that seken my lijf; be schent,
 and aschamed. Thei that thenken yuels to me; be turned
 5 awei bacward, and be schent. Be thei maad as dust bison
 the face of the wynd; and the aungel of the Lord make hem
 6 streit. Her weie be maad derknesse, and slydirnesse; and
 7 the aungel of the Lord pursue hem. For with out cause thei
 hidden to me the deth of her snare; in veyn thei dispisiden
 8 my soule. The snare which he knoweth not come to hym,
 and the takyng which he hidde take hym; and fall he in to

9 the snare in that thing. But my soule schal fulli haue ioye in
 10 the Lord ; and schal delite on his helthe. Alle my boonys
 schulen seie, Lord, who is lijk thee ? Thou delyuerist a pore
 man fro the hond of his strengere ; a nedî man and pore fro
 11 hem that diuersely rauischen hym. Wickid witnessis risyng
 12 axiden me thingis, whiche Y knewe not. Thei ȝeldiden to
 13 me yuels for goodis ; bareynnesse to my soule. But whanne
 thei weren diseseful to me ; Y was clothid in an heire. I
 mekide my soule in fastyng ; and my preier schal be turned
 14 with ynne my bosum. I pleside so as oure neȝbore, as oure
 brother ; Y was maad meke so as morenyng and sorewful.
 15 And thei weren glad, and camen togidere aȝens me ; tur-
 16 mentis weren gaderid on me, and Y knew not. Thei weren
 scaterid, and not compunct, thei temptiden me, thei scorny-
 den me with mowyng ; thei gnastiden on me with her teeth.
 17 Lord, whanne thou schalt biholde, restore thou my soule fro
 the wickidnesse of hem ; *restore thou* myn oon aloone fro
 18 liouns. I schal knowleche to thee in a greet chirche ; Y
 19 schal herie thee in a sad puple. Thei that ben aduersaries
 wickidli to me, haue not ioye on me ; that haten me with out
 20 cause, and bikenen with iȝen. For sotheli thei spaken pesibili
 to me ; and thei spekyng in wrathfulnessse of erthe thouȝten
 21 giles. And thei maden large her mouth on me ; thei seiden,
 22 Wel, wel ! oure iȝen han sien. Lord, thou hast seen, be thou
 23 not stille ; Lord, departe thou not fro me. Rise vp, and
 24 ȝyue tent to my doom ; my God and my Lord, *biholde* in to
 my cause. Mi Lord God, deme thou me bi thi riȝtfulnessse ;
 25 and haue thei not ioye on me. Seie thei not in her hertis,
 Wel, wel, to oure soule ; nether seie thei, We schulen deuoure
 26 hym. ~ Shame thei, and drede thei togidere ; that thanken for
 myn yuels. Be thei clothid with shame and drede ; that
 27 speken yuele thingis on me. Haue thei ful ioie, and be thei
 glad that wolen my riȝtfulnessse ; and seie thei euere, The

Lord be magnyfied, whiche wolen the pees of his seruaunt.
 28 And my tung schal bithenke thi riȝtfulnesse ; al day thin
 heriying.

PSALM XXXV (XXXVI).

1 *The title of the fyue and thrittithe salm. To victorie, to Dauid,
 the seruaunt of the Lord.*

2 THE vniust man seide, that he trespassse in hym silf ; the
 3 drede of God is not bifor hise iȝen. For he dide gilefuli in
 the siȝt of God ; that his wickidnesse be foundun to hatrede.
 4 The wordis of his mouth *ben* wickidnesse and gile, he nolde
 5 vndirstonde to do wel. He thouȝte wickidnesse in his bed,
 he stood nyȝ al weie not good ; forsothe he hatide not malice.
 6 Lord, thi merci *is* in heuene ; and thi treuthe *is* til to cloudis.
 7 Thi riȝtfulnesse *is* as the hillis of God ; thi domes *ben* myche
 depthe of wattris. Lord, thou schalt sauue men and beestis ;
 8 as thou, God, hast multiplied thi merci. But the sones of
 9 men ; schulen hope in the hilyng of thi wyngis. Thei schulen
 be fillid gretli of the plentee of thin hows ; and thou schalt
 10 ȝyue drynke to hem with the steef streem of thi likyng. For
 the wel of life is at thee ; and in thi liȝt we schulen se liȝt.
 11 Lord, sette forth thi mercy to hem, that knownen thee ; and
 12 thi ryȝtfulnesse to hem that ben of riȝtful herte. The foot of
 pryde come not to me ; and the hond of the synnere moue
 13 me not. There thei felden doun, that worchen wickidnesse ;
 thei ben cast out, and myȝten not stonde.

PSALM XXXVI (XXXVII).

1 *The title of the sixe and thrittithe salm. To Dauith.*

NILE thou sue wickid men ; nether loue thou men doyng
 2 wickidnesse. For thei schulen wexe drie swiftli as hey ; and
 3 thei schulen falle doun soone as the wortis of eerbis. Hope

thou in the Lord, and do thou goodnesse ; and enhabite thou
 4 the lond, and thou schalt be fed with hise richessis. Delite
 thou in the Lord ; and he schal ȝyue to thee the axyngis of
 5 thin herte. Schewe thi weie to the Lord ; and hope thou in
 6 hym, and he schal do. And he schal lede out thi riȝtfulnesse
 7 as liȝt, and thi doom as myddai ; be thou suget to the Lord,
 and preye thou hym. Nile thou sue hym, that hath prosperite
 8 in his weie ; a man doyng vniȝtfulnessis. Ceese thou of
 ire, and forsake woodnesse ; nyle thou sue, that thou do
 9 wickidli. For thei, that doen wickidli, schulen be distried ;
 10 but thei that suffren the Lord, schulen enerite the lond. And
 ȝit a litil, and a synnere schal not be ; and thou schalt seke
 11 his place, and schalt not synde. But mylde men schulen
 enerite the lond ; and schulen delite in the multitude of pees.
 12 A synnere schal aspie a riȝtful man ; and he schal gnaste
 13 with hise teeth on hym. But the Lord schal scorne the
 14 synnere ; for he biholdith that his day cometh. Synners
 drowen out swerd ; thei benten her bouwe. To disseyue a
 15 pore man and ned; to strangle riȝtful men of herte. Her
 swerd entre in to the herte of hem silf ; and her bouwe be
 16 brokun. Betere is a litil thing to a iust man ; than many
 17 richessis of synneris. For the armes of synneris schal be al
 18 to-brokun ; but the Lord consermeth iust men. The Lord
 knowith the daies of vnwemmed ; and her heritage schal be
 19 withouten ende. Thei schulen not be schent in the yuel
 20 tyme, and thei schulen be fillid in the dayes of hungur ; for
 synneris schulen perische. Forsothe anoon as the enemyes
 of the Lord ben onourid, and enhaunsid ; thei sailynge schulen
 21 faile as smoke. A synnere schal borewe, and schal not paie ;
 22 but a iust man hath merci, and schal ȝyue. For thei that
 blessem the Lord schulen enerite the lond ; but thei that
 23 cursen hym schulen perische. The goyng of a man schal
 be dressid anentis the Lord ; and he schal wilne his weie.

24 Whanne he fallith, he schal not be hurtlid doun; for the
25 Lord vndursettith his hond. I was ȝongere, and sotheli Y
wexide eld, and Y siȝ not a iust man forsakun; nethir his
26 seed sekyng breed. Al dai he hath merci, and leeneth; and
27 his seed schal be in blessyng. Bouwe thou awei fro yuel,
and do good; and dwelle thou in to the world of world.
28 For the Lord loueth doom, and schal not forsake hise seytis;
thei schulen be kept with outer ende. Vniust men schulen
be punyschid; and the seed of wickid men schal perische.
29 But iust men schulen enerite the lond; and schulen enabite
30 theronne in to the world of world. The mouth of a iust man
schal bithenke wisdom; and his tunge schal speke doom.
31 The lawe of his God is in his herte; and hise steppis schulen
32 not be disseyued. A synnere biholdith a iust man; and
33 sekith to sle hym. But the Lord schal not forsake hym in
hise hondis; nethir schal dampne hym, whanne it schal be
34 demed ȝens hym. Abide thou the Lord, and kepe thou his
weie, and he schal enhaunse thee, that bi eritage thou take
the lond; whanne synneris schulen perische, thou schalt se
35 I siȝ a wickid man enhaunsid aboue; and reisid vp as the
36 cedris of Liban. And Y passide, and lo! he was not; Y
37 souȝte hym, and his place is not foundun. Kepe thou inno-
cence, and se equite; for tho ben relikis to a pesible man.
38 Forsothe vniust men schulen perische; the relifs of wickid
39 men schulen perische togidere. But the helthe of iust men is
of the Lord; and he is her defendere in the tyme of tribula-
40 cioun. And the Lord schal helpe hem, and schal make hem
fre, and he schal delyuere hem fro synneris; and he schal
sauue hem, for thei hopiden in hym.

PSALM XXXVII (XXXVIII).

1 The title of the scene and thrittithe salm. The salm of Dauid, to bythenke on the sabat.

2 LORD, repreue thou not me in thi strong veniaunce ; nether
 3 chastice thou me in thin ire. For thin arowis ben fitchid in
 4 me ; and thou hast consermed thin hond on me. Noon
 helthe is in my fleisch fro the face of thin ire ; no pees is to
 5 my boonyis fro the face of my synnes. For my wickidnessis
 ben goon ouer myn heed ; as an heuy birthun, tho ben maad
 6 heuy on me. Myn heelid woundis weren rotun, and ben
 7 brokun ; fro the face of myn vnwisdom. I am maad a
 wretche, and Y am bowid doun til in to the ende ; al dai Y
 8 entride sorewful. For my leendis ben fillid with scornyngis ;
 9 and helthe is not in my fleisch. I am turmentid, and maad
 low ful greetli ; Y roride for the weilyng of myn herte.
 10 Lord, al my desire is bisfor thee ; and my weilyng is not hid
 11 fro thee. Myn herte is disturblid in me, my vertu forsook
 me ; and the liȝt of myn iȝen forsook me, and it is not with
 12 me. My frendis and my neȝboris neijiden ; and stoden
 13 aȝens me. And thei that weren bisidis me stoden afer ; and
 thei diden violence, that souȝten my liȝf. And thei that
 souȝten yuels to me, spaken vanytees ; and thouȝten gilis
 14 al dai. But Y as a deef man herde not ; and as a doumb
 15 man not openyng his mouth. And Y am maad as a man not
 16 herynge ; and not hauyngre repreuyngis in his mouth. For,
 Lord, Y hopide in thee ; my Lord God, thou schalt here me.
 17 For Y seide, Lest ony tyme myn enemyes haue ioye on me ;
 and the while my feet ben mouyd, thei spaken grete thingis
 18 on me. For Y am redi to betyngis ; and my sorewe is euere
 19 in my siȝt. For Y schal telle my wickidnesse ; and Y schal
 20 thenke for my synne. But myn enemyes lyuen, and ben

consermed on me; and thei ben multipliyed, that haten me
 21 wickidli. Thei that ȝelden yuels for goodis, backbitiden me;
 22 for Y suede goodnesse. My Lord God, forsake thou not
 23 me; go thou not awei fro me. Lord God of myn helthe;
 biholde thou in to myn help.

PSALM XXXVIII (XXXIX).

1 *The title of the eiste and threttihel salm. For victorie, to
 Iditum, the song of Dauid.*

2 I SEIDE, Y schal kepe my weies; that Y trespass not in
 my tunge. I settide kepyng to my mouth; whanne a syn-
 3 nere stood aȝens me. I was doumb, and was mekid ful
 gretli, and was stille fro goodis; and my sorewe was renulid.
 4 Myn herte was hoot with ynne me; and fier schal brenne
 5 out in my thenkyng. I spak in my tunge; Lord, make thou
 myn eende knowun to me. And the noumbrē of my daies
 6 what it is; that Y wite, what failith to me. Lo! thou hast
 set my daies mesurable; and my substaunce is as nouȝt
 7 bisor thee. Nethelas al vanytee; ech man lyuynge. Neth-
 les a man passith in ymage; but also he is disturblid veynli.
 He tresorith; and he noot, to whom he schal gadere tho
 8 thingis. And now which is myn abiding? whether not the
 9 Lord? and my substaunce is at thee. Delyuere thou me fro
 alle my wickidnessis; thou hast ȝoue me schenschip to the
 10 vnkunnynge. I was doumbe, and openyde not my mouth;
 11 for thou hast maad, remoue thou thi woundis fro me.
 12 Fro the strengthe of thin hond Y failide in blamyngis; for
 wickidnesse thou hast chastisid man. And thou madist his
 lijf to faile as an yreyne; nethelas ech man is disturblid in
 13 veyn. Lord, here thou my preier and my bisechyng; per-
 14 seyue thou with eeris my teeris. Be thou not stille, for Y am
 15 a comelyng at thee; and a pilgrime, as alle my fadris. For-

ȝyue thou to me, that Y be refreischid, bifor that Y go ; and Y schal no more be.

PSALM XXXIX (XL).

¹ *The title of the nyne and threttene salm. For victorie,
the song of Dauid.*

² Y ABIDYNGE abood the Lord; and he ȝaf tent to me.
³ And he herde my preieris; and he ledde out me fro the
 lake of wretchidnesse, and fro the filthe of draft. And he
 ordeynede my feet on a stoon; and he dresside my goyngis.
⁴ And he sente in to my mouth a newe song; a song to oure
 God. Many men schulen se, and schulen drede; and schulen
⁵ haue hope in the Lord. Blessid is the man, of whom the
 name of the Lord is his hope; and he bihelde not in to
⁶ vanitees, and in to false woodnesses. Mi Lord God, thou
 hast maad thi merueils manye; and in thi thouȝtis noon is,
 that is lijk thee. I teld, and Y spak; and thei ben multiplied
⁷; aboue noumbre. Thou noldist sacrifice and offryng; but
 thou madist perfisli eeris to me. Thou axidist not brent sacri-
⁸fice, and sacrifice for synne; thanne Y seide, Lo ! Y come. In
⁹ the heed of the book it is writun of me, that Y schulde do thi
 wille; my God, Y wolde; and thi lawe in the myddis of myn
¹⁰ herte. I telde thi riȝtfulnessesse in a greet chirche; lo ! Y
¹¹ schal not refreine my lippis, Lord, thou wistist. I hidde not
 thi riȝtfulnessesse in myn herte; Y seide thi treuthe and thin
 helthe. I hidde not thi mercy and thi treuthe; fro a myche
¹² counsel. But thou, Lord, make not fer thi merciful doyngis
¹³ fro me; thi mercy and treuthe euere token me vp. For whi
 yuels, of whiche is no noumbre, cumpassiden me; my wick-
 idnessis token me, and Y myȝte not, that Y schulde se. Tho
 ben multiplied aboue the heiris of myn heed; and myn herte
¹⁴ forsook me. Lord, plese it to thee, that thou delyuere me;

15 Lord, biholde thou to helpe me. Be thei schent, and aschamed
 togidere; that seken my lijf, to take awei it. Be thei turned
 16 abac, and be thei schamed; that wolen yuels to me. Bere
 thei her confusioun anoon; that seien to me, Wel! wel!
 17 *that is, in scorn.* Alle men that seken thee, be fulli ioyful,
 and be glad on thee; and seie thei, that louen thin helthe,
 18 The Lord be magnyfied euere. Forsothe Y am a beggere
 and pore; the Lord is bisi of me. Thou arte myn helpere
 and my defendere; my God, tarie thou not.

PSALM XL (XLI).

1 *The title of the fourtith salm. For victorie, the song
 of Dauid.*

2 BLESSID is he that vndurstondith on a nedи man and pore;
 3 the Lord schal delyuere hym in the yuel dai. The Lord
 kepe hym, and quykene hym, and make hym blesful in the
 lond; and bitake not hym in to the wille of his enemyes.
 4 The Lord bere help to hym on the bed of his sorewe; thou
 5 hast oste turned al his bed-stre in his sijknesse. I seide,
 Lord, haue thou mercy on me; heele thou my soule, for Y
 6 synnede aȝens thee. Myn enemyes seiden yuels to me;
 7 Whanne schal he die, and his name schal perische? And if
 he entride for to se, he spak veyn thingis; his herte gaderide
 8 wickidnesse to hym sill. He ȝede with-out-forth; and
 spak to the same thing. Alle myn enemyes bacbitiden
 9 pruyli aȝens me; aȝens me thei thouȝten yuels to me. Thei
 ordeineden an yuel word aȝens me; Whether he that slepit,
 10 schal not leie to, that he rise aȝen? For whi the man of my
 pees, in whom Y hopide, he that eet my looues; made greet
 11 disseit on me. But thou, Lord, haue merci on me, and reise
 12 me aȝen; and Y schal ȝelde to hem. In this thing Y knew,
 that thou woldist me; for myn enemye schal not haue ioye on

13 me. Forsothe thou hast take me vp for ynnocence ; and hast
 14 consermed me in thi siȝt with-outen ende. Blessid be the
 Lord God of Israel, fro the world and in to the world ; be it
 doon, be it doon.

PSALM XLI (XLII).

1 *The title of the oon and fourtiȝe salm. To victorie,
 to the sones of Chore.*

2 As an hert desirith to the wellis of wattris ; so thou, God,
 3 my soule desirith to thee. Mi soule thirstide to God, *that*
 is a quik welle ; whanne schal Y come, and appere bisfor
 4 the face of God ? Mi teeris weren looues to me bi dai
 and nyȝt ; while it is seid to me ech dai, Where is thi God ?
 5 I bithouȝte of these thingis, and Y schedde out in me my
 soule ; for Y schal passe in to the place of the wonderful
 tabernacle, til to the hows of God. In the vois of ful out
 6 ioying and knoulechynge ; *is* the sown of the etere. Mi soule,
 whi art thou sory ; and whi disturblist thou me ? Hope thou
 7 in God, for ȝit Y schal knouleche to hym ; *he is* the helthe of
 my cheer, and my God. My soule is disturblid at my silf ;
 therfor, *God*, Y schal be myndesful of thee fro the lond of
 8 Jordan, and fro the litil hil Hermoniyim. Depthe clepith
 depthe ; in the vois of thi wyndows. Alle thin hiȝe thingis
 9 and thi wawis ; passiden ouer me. The Lord sente his merci
 10 in the dai ; and his song in the nyȝt. At me *is* a preier to the
 God of my liȝf ; Y schal seie to God, Thou art my takere
 vp. Whi forȝetist thou me ; and whi go Y sorewful, while
 11 the enemy turmentiȝt me ? While my boonys ben brokun
 toidere ; myn enemyes, that troblen me, dispiseden me.
 While thei seien to me, bi alle daies ; Where is thi God ?
 12 Mi soule, whi art thou sori ; and whi disturblist thou me ?
 Hope thou in God, for ȝit Y schal knouleche to hym ; *he is*
 the helthe of my cheer, and my God.

PSALM XLII (XLIII).

The two and fourtith salm.

- 1 God, deme thou me, and departe thou my cause fro a folc
not hooli; delyuere thou me fro a wickid man, and gileful.
2 For thou art God, my strengthe; whi hast thou put me
abac, and whi go Y soreful, while the enemy turmentith
3 me? Sende out thi liȝt, and thi treuthe; tho ledden me
forth, and brouȝten in to thin hooli hil, and in to thi taber-
4 naclis. And Y schal entre to the auter of God; to God,
that gladith my ȝongthe. God, my God, Y schal know-
5 leche to thee in an harpe; my soule, whi art thou sory,
and whi troblist thou me? Hope thou in God, for ȝit Y
schal knouleche to hym; *he is* the helthe of my cheer, and
my God.

PSALM XLIII (XLIV).

- 1 *The title of the thre and fourtith salm. To victorie,
lernyng to the sones of Chore.*

- 2 God, we herden with oure eeris; our fadris telden to vs.
The werk, which thou vrouȝtist in the daies of hem; and
3 in elde daies. Thin hond lost hethene men, and thou
plauntidist hem; thou turmentidist puplis, and castidist hem
4 out. For the *children of Israel* weldiden the lond not bi
her swerd; and the arm of hem sauylde not hem. But
thi riȝt hond, and thin arm, and the liȝtnyng of thi cheer;
5 for thou were plesid in hem. Thou art thi silf, my kyng
6 and my God; that sendist helthis to Jacob. Bi thee we
schulen wyndewe oure enemyes with horn; and in thi name
7 we schulen dispise hem, that risen aȝen vs. For Y schal
not hope in my bouwe; and my swerd schal not saue me.
8 For thou hast saued vs fro men turmentinge vs; and thou

9 hast schent men hatinge vs. We schulen be preisid in God
 al dai; and in thi name we schulen knouleche to thee in
 10 to the world. But now thou hast put vs abac, and hast
 schent vs; and thou, God, schalt not go out in oure ver-
 11 tues. Thou hast turned vs awei bihynde astir oure ene-
 myes; and thei, that hatiden vs, rauyschiden dyuerseli to
 12 hem silf. Thou hast ȝoue vs as scheep of meetis; and
 13 among hethene men thou hast scaterid vs. Thou hast seeld
 thi puple with out prijs; and multitude was not in the
 14 chaungyngis of hem. Thou hast set vs schenschip to oure
 neȝboris; mouwyng and scorn to hem that ben in oure
 15 cumpas. Thou hast set vs into licesse to hethene men;
 16 stiryng of heed among puplis. Al dai my schame is aȝens
 17 me; and the schenschipe of my face hilide me. Fro the
 vois of dispisere, and yuele-spekere; fro the face of enemy,
 18 and pursuere. Alle these thingis camen on vs, and we
 han not forȝete thee; and we diden not wickidli in thi
 19 testament. And oure herte ȝede not awei bihynde; and
 20 thou hast bowid awei oure pathis fro thi weie. For thou
 hast maad vs lowe in the place of turment; and the scha-
 21 dewe of deth hilide vs. If we forȝaten the name of oure
 God; and if we helden forth oure hondis to an alien God.
 22 Whether God schal not seke these thingis? for he knowith
 the hid thingis of herte. For whi we ben slayn al dai for
 23 thee; we ben demed as scheep of sleyng. Lord, rise vp,
 whi slepist thou? rise vp, and putte not awei in to the
 24 ende. Whi turnest thou awei thi face? thou forȝetist oure
 25 pouert, and oure tribulacioun. For oure lijf is maad low
 26 in dust; oure wombe is glued togidere in the erthe. Lord,
 rise vp thou, and helpe vs; and aȝenbie vs for thi name.

PSALM XLIV (XLV).

- 1 *The title of the fourte and fourtilthe salm. To the ouercomere
for the lilies, the most loued song of lernyng of the sones of
Chore.*
- 2 MYN herte hath teld out a good word; Y seie my workis
to the kyng. Mi tungē *is* a penne of a writere; writynge
3 swiftli. *Crist, thou art* fairer in schap than the sones of
men; grace *is* spred abrood in thi lippis; thersfor God bles-
4 sid thee withouten ende. Be thou gird with thi swerd; on
5 thi hipe most myȝtli. Biholde thou in thi schaplynnesse
and thi fairnesse; come thou forth with prosperite, and
regne thou. For treuthe, and myldenesse, and riȝtfulnesse;
6 and thi riȝt hond schal lede forth thee wondurfuli. Thi
scharpe arowis schulen falle in to the hertis of the enemyes
7 of the kyng; puplis *schulen be* vndur thee. God, thi seete
is in to the world of world; the ȝerde of thi rewme *is* a
8 ȝerde of riȝt reulyng, *ethir of equite*. Thou louedist riȝtful-
nesse, and hatidist wickidnesse; thersfor thou, God, thi God,
anoyn tide thee with the oile of gladnesse, more than thi
9 felowis. Mirre, and gumme, and cassia, of thi clothis, of
10 the housis yuer; of whiche the douȝtris of kyngis delitiden
thee. A queen stood nyȝ on thi riȝt side in clothing ouer-
11 gildid; cumpassid with dyuersitee. Douȝter, here thou, and
se, and bowe doun thin cere; and forȝete thi puple, and
12 the hows of thi sadir. And the kyng schal coueyte thi fair-
nesse; for he *is* thi Lord God, and thei schulen worshipe
13 hym. And the douȝtris of Tire in ȝiftis; alle the riche
14 men of the puple schulen bische thi cheer. Al the glorye
of that douȝter of the kyng *is* with ynne in goldun hemmes;
15 sche *is* clothid aboute with dyuersitees. Virgyns schulen be
brouȝt to the kyng astir hir; hir neȝboressis schulen be
16 brouȝt to thee. Thei schulen be brouȝt in gladnesse, and

ful out ioyng; thei schulen be brouȝt in to the temple of
the kyng. Sones ben borun to thee, for thi fadris; thou
schalt ordeyne hem princes on al erthe. Lord, thei schulen
be myndeful of thi name; in ech generacioun, and in to
generacioun. Therfor puplis schulen knouleche to thee
withouten ende; and in to the world of world.

PSALM XLV (XLVI).

1 *The title of the five and fourtie salm. To the ouercomere,
the song of the sones of Chore, for ȝongthis.*

2 OURE God, *thou art* resuyt, and vertu; helpere in tribu-
lacions, that han founde vs greetly. Therfor we schulen
not drede, while the erthe schal be troblid; and the hillis
schulen be borun ouer in to the herte of the see. The
watris of hem sowneden, and weren troblid; hillis weren
troblid togidere in the strengthe of hym. The feersnesse
of flood makith glad the citee of God; the hiȝeste God
hath halewid his tabernacle. God in the myddis therof
schal not be moued; God schal helpe it eerli in the grey-
morewtid. Hethene men weren disturblid togidere, and
rewmes weren bowid doun; *God ȝaf* his vois, the erthe
was moued. The Lord of vertues *is* with vs; God of
Jacob *is* oure vptakere. Come ȝe, and se the werkis of
the Lord; whiche wondris he hath set on the erthe. He
doynge awei batels til to the ende of the lond; schal al
to-brese bouwe, and schal breke togidere armuris, and schal
brenne scheldis bi fier. ȝyue ȝe tent, and se ȝe, that Y am
God; Y schal be enhaunsid among hethene men; and Y
schal be enhaunsid in erthe. The Lord of vertues *is* with
vs; God of Jacob *is* oure vptakere.

PSALM XLVI (XLVII).

1 *The title of the sixte and fourtilthe salm. To victorie,
a salm to the sones of Chore.*

2 ALLE ȝe folkis, make ioie with hondis; synge ȝe hertli to
3 God in the vois of ful out ioiyng. For the Lord *is* hiȝ and
4 ferdful; a greet kyng on al erthe. He made puplis suget
5 to vs; and hethene men vndur oure feet. He chees his
6 eritage to vs; the fairnesse of Jacob, whom he louyde. God
stiede in hertli song; and the Lord in the vois of a trumpe.
7 Synge ȝe to oure God, synge ȝe; synge ȝe to oure kyng,
8 synge ȝe. For God *is* kyng of al erthe; synge ȝe wiseli.
9 God schal regne on hethene men; God sittith on his hooli
10 seete. The princes of puplis ben gaderid togidere with
God of Abraham; for the stronge goddis of erthe ben reisid
greetli.

PSALM XLVII (XLVIII).

1 *The title of the seuene and fourtilthe salm. The song of
salm, of the sones of Chore.*

2 THE Lord *is* greet, and worthi to be preisid ful myche;
3 in the citee of oure God, in the hooli hil of hym. It is
foundid in the ful out ioiyng of al erthe; the hil of Syon;
4 the sidis of the north, the citee of the greet kyng. God
schal be knowun in the housis therof; whanne he schal
5 take it. For lo! the kyngis of erthe weren gaderid togidere;
6 thei camen into o place. Thei seynge so wondriden; thei
weren disturblid, thei weren mouyd togidere, tremblyng took
7 hem. There sorewis as of a womman trauelynge of child;
8 in a greet spirit thou schalt al to-breke the schippis of
9 Tharsis. As we herden, so we sien, in the citee of the Lord
of vertues, in the citee of oure God; God hath foundid that

10 citeme with-outen ende. God, we han resseyued thi mercy ;
 11 in the myddis of thi temple. Astir thi name, God, so thin
 heriyng *is spred abrood* in to the endis of erthe ; thi riȝt hond
 12 is ful of riȝtfulnesse. The hil of Sion be glad, and the
 13 douȝtris of Judee be fulli ioiful ; for thi domes, Lord. Cum-
 passē ȝe Syon, and biclippe ȝe it ; telle ȝe in the touris
 14 therof. Sette ȝe ȝoure hertis in the vertu of him ; and de-
 15 partē ȝe the housis of hym, that ȝe telle out in an other
 generacioun. For this is God, oure God, in to withouten
 ende, and in to the world of world ; he schal gourne vs
 in to worldis.

PSALM XLVIII (XLIX).

1 *The title of the eiȝte and fourtie salm. To victorie,
 a salm to the sones of Chore.*

2 ALLE ȝe folkis, here these thingis ; alle ȝe that dwellen in
 3 the world, perseyue with eeris. Alle the sones of erthe and
 the sones of men ; togidere the riche man and the pore in
 4 to oon. Mi mouth schal speke wisdom ; and the thenkyng
 5 of myn herte *schal speke* prudence. I schal bouwe doun
 myn eere in to a parable ; Y schal opene my resoun set
 6 forth in a sautree. Whi schal Y drede in the yuel dai ? the
 7 wickidnesse of myn heele schal cumpasse me. Whiche
 tristen in her owne vertu ; and han glorie in the multitude
 8 of her richessis. A brother aȝenbieth not, schal a man
 9 aȝenbie ? and he schal not ȝyue to God his plesyng. And
 he *schal not ȝyue* the prijs of raunsum of his soule ; and
 10 he schal trauele with outen ende, and he schal lyue ȝit in
 11 to the ende. He schal not se perischyng, whanne he schal
 se wise men diyng ; the vnwise man and fool schulen
 perische togidere. And thei schulen leeue her richessis to
 12 aliens ; and the sepulcris of hem *ben* the housis of hem with-
 outen ende. The tabernaclis of hem *ben* in generacioun

and generacioun; thei clepiden her names in her londis.
 13 A man, whanne he was in honour, vndurstood not; he is
 comparisound to vnwise beestis, and he is maad lijk to tho.
 14 This weie of hem *is* sclaudir to hem; and afterward thei
 15 schulen plese togidere in her mouth. As scheep thei ben
 set in helle; deth schal gnawe hem. And iust men schulen
 16 be lordis of hem in the morewid; and the helpe of hem
 17 schal waxe eld in helle, for the glorie of hem. Netholes
 God schal aȝenbie my soule from the power of helle; whanne
 18 he schal take me. Drede thou not, whanne a man is maad
 19 riche; and the glorie of his hows is multiplied. For whanne
 he schal die, he schal not take alle thingis; and his glorie
 20 schal not go doun with him. For his soule schal be blessid
 in his lijf; he schal knouleche to thee, whanne thou hast do
 21 wel to hym. He schal entre til in to the generaciouns of
 hise fadris; and til in-to with-outen ende he schal not se
 22 liȝt. A man, whanne he was in honour, vndurstood not;
 he is comparisound to vnwise beestis, and is maad lijk to
 tho.

PSALM XLIX (L).

1 *The title of the nyne and fourtithe psalm. The psalm of Asaph.*

God, the Lord of goddis, spak; and clepide the erthe,
 2 fro the risynge of the sunne til to the goyng doun. The
 3 schap of his fairnesse fro Syon, God schal come opynli;
 oure God, and he schal not be stille. Fier schal brenne an
 4 hiȝe in his siȝt; and a strong tempest in his cumpas. He
 clepide heuene aboue; and the erthe, to deme his puple.
 5 Gadere ȝe to hym hise seyntis; that ordeynen his testament
 6 aboue sacrifices. And heuenes schulen schewe his riȝtful-
 7 nesse; for God is the iuge. Mi puple, here thou, and Y
 schal speke to Israel; and Y schal witnesse to thee, Y am
 8 God, thi God. I schal not repreue thee in thi sacrifices;

9 and thi brent sacrifices ben euere bifor me. I schal not
 take calves of thin hows; nethir geet buckis of thi flockis.
 10 For alle the wyelde beestis of wodis ben myne; werk
 11 beestis, and oxis in hillis. I haue knowe alle the volatils
 12 of heuene; and the fairnesse of the feeld is with me. If
 Y schal be hungry, Y schal not seie to thee; for the world
 13 and the fulnesse therof is myn. Whether Y schal eete the
 fleischis of boolis? ethir schal Y drynke the blood of geet
 14 buckis? Offre thou to God the sacrifice of heriying;
 15 and ȝelde thin avowis to the higeste God. And inwardli
 clepe thou me in the dai of tribulacioun; and Y schal de-
 16 lyuere thee, and thou schalt onoure me. But God seide
 to the synnere, Whi tellist thou out my riȝtfulnessis; and
 17 takist my testament bi thi mouth? Soiheli thou hatidist
 18 lore; and hast cast awey my wordis bihynde. If thou siȝest
 a theef, thou hast runne with hym; and thou settidist thi
 19 part with avowtreris. Thi mouth was plenteuouse of malice;
 20 and thi tunge medlidle togidere giles. Thou sittyng spakist
 aȝens thi brother, and thou settidist sclaudir aȝens the sone
 21 of thi modir; thou didist these thingis, and Y was stille.
 Thou gessidist wickidli, that Y schal be lijk thee; Y schal
 22 repreue thee, and Y schal sette aȝens thi face. ȝe that for-
 ȝeten God, vndurstonde these thingis; lest sum tyme he
 23 rauysche, and noon be that schal delyuere. The sacrifice of
 heriying schal onoure me; and there is the weie, where ynne
 Y schal schewe to hym the helthe of God.

PSALM L (LI).

- 1 *The title of the fiftithe psalm. To victorie, the psalm of Dauid;*
- 2 *whanne Nathan the prophete cam to hym, whanne he entride to Bersabee.*
- 3 *God, haue thou merci on me; bi thi greet merci. And bi the mychilnesse of thi merciful doyngis; do thou awei my*

4 wickidnesse. More waische thou me fro my wickidnesse ;
 5 and clense thou me fro my synne. For Y knouleche my
 6 wickidnesse ; and my synne is euere *azens* me. I haue
 synned to thee aloone, and Y haue do yuel bisor thee ; that
 thou be iustified in thi wordis, and ouercome whanne thou
 7 art demed. For lo ! Y was conseyued in wickednessis ; and
 8 my modir conceyude me in synnes. For lo ! thou louedist
 treuthe ; thou hast schewid to me the vncerteyn thingis, and
 9 pryuy thingis of thi wisdom. Lord, sprengē thou me with
 ysope, and Y schal be clensiſ; waische thou me, and Y
 10 schal be maad whijt more than snow. ȝyue thou ioie, and
 gladnesse to myn heryng ; and boonyſ maad meke schulen
 11 ful out make ioye. Turne awei thi face fro my synnes ; and
 12 do awci alle my wickidnesses. God, make thou a clene
 herte in me ; and make thou newe a *rȝſful* spirit in my
 13 entrailis. Caste thou me not awci fro thi face ; and take
 14 thou not awei fro me thin hooli spirit. ȝiue thou to me
 the gladnesse of thyn helthe ; and conferme thou me with
 15 the principal spirit. I schal teche wickid men thi weies ;
 16 and vnſeithful men schulen be conuertid to thee. God, the
 God of myn helthe, delyuere thou me fro bloodis ; and my
 17 tungē schal ioyſuli syngē thi *rȝſfulnessesse*. Lord, opene thou
 18 my lippis ; and my mouth schal telle thi preysyng. For if
 thou haddist wold sacrifice, Y hadde ȝoue ; treuli thou schalt
 19 not delite in brent sacrifices. A sacrifice to God is a spirit
 troblid ; God, thou schalt not dispise a contrit herte and
 20 maad meke. Lord, do thou benygneli in thi good wille
 21 to Syon ; that the wallis of Jerusalem be bildid. Thanne
 thou schalt take plesauntli the sacrifice of *rȝſfulnessesse*, of-
 fryngis, and brent sacrifices ; thanne thei schulen putte calues
 on thin auter.

PSALM LI (LII).

1, 2 *The title of the oon and fiftithe psalm. To victorie, the psalm of Dauid, whanne Doeche Idumei cam, and telde to Saul, and seide to him, Dauid cam in to the haws of Abymelech.*

3 WHAT hast thou glorie in malice; which art miȝti in
 4 wickidnesse? Al dai thi tungē thouȝte vnriȝtfulnesse; as
 5 a scharp rasour thou hast do gile. Thou louedist malice
 more than benygnite; thou louedist wickidnesse more than
 6 to speke equite. Thou louedist alle wordis of casting doun;
 7 with a gileful tungē. Therfor God schal distrie thee in to
 the ende, he schal drawe thee out bi the roote, and he schal
 make thee to passe awei fro thi tabernacle; and thi roote fro
 8 the lond of lyuyng men. Iust men schulen se, and schulen
 drede; and thei schulen leize on hym, and thei schulen seie,
 9 Lo! the man that settide not God his helpere. But he
 hopide in the multitude of his richessis; and hadde maistrie
 10 in his vanite. Forsothe Y, as a fruytful olyue tre in the
 hous of God; hopide in the merci of God with-outen ende,
 11 and in to the world of world. Y schal knowleche to thee
 in to the world, for thou hast do *mercy to me*; and Y schal
 abide thi name, for it is good in the siȝt of thi seynlis.

PSALM LII (LIII).

1 *The title of the two and fiftithe psalm. To the ouercomer bi the quere, the lernyng of Dauid.*

2 THE vnwise man seide in his herte; God is not. Thei
 ben corrupt, and maad abhomynable in her wickidnessis;
 3 noon is that doith good. God bihelde fro heuene on the
 sones of men; that he se, if ony is vndurstondynge, ether
 4 sekynge God. Alle boweden awei, thei ben maad vnprofit-

able togidre ; noon is that doith good, ther is not til to oon.
 5 Whether alle men, that worchen wickidnesse, schulen not
 wite ; whiche deuouren my puple as the mete of breed ?
 6 Thei clepiden not God ; there thei trembliden for drede,
 where no drede was. For God hath scaterid the boones of
 hem, that plesen men ; thei ben schent, for God hath forsake
 7 hem. Who schal ȝyue fro Syon helthe to Israel ? whanne
 the Lord hath turned the caitife of his puple, Jacob schal
 ful out make ioie, and Israel schal be glad.

PSALM LIII (LIV).

1 *The title of the thre and fiftithe salm. To victorie in orguns,*
 2 *ether in salmes, the lernyng of Dauid, whanne Zyfey's camen,*
and seiden to Saul, Whethir Dauid is not hid at vs ?
 3 God, in thi name make thou me saaf ; and in thi vertu
 4 deme thou me. God, here thou my preier ; with eeris per-
 5 seyue thou the wordis of my mouth. For aliens han rise
 aȝens me, and stronge men souȝten my liȝt ; and thei settiden
 6 not God bisor her siȝt. For, lo ! God helpith me ; and the
 7 Lord is vptaker of my soule. Turne thou awei yuelis to
 8 myn enemyes ; and leese thou hem in thi treuthe. Wilsuli
 Y schal make sacrifice to thee ; and, Lord, Y schal knou-
 9 leche to thi name, for it is good. For thou delyueridist me
 fro al tribulacioun ; and myn iȝe dispiside on myn enemyes.

PSALM LIV (LV).

1 *The title of the fourre and fiftithe salm. In Ebreu thus, To*
victorie in orguns, the lernyng of Dauid. In Jeroms trans-
lacioun thus, To the ouercomer in salmes of Dauid lernid.
 2 God, here thou my preier, and dispise thou not my
 3 biseching ; ȝyue thou tent to me, and here thou me.

I am sorewful in myn exercising ; and Y am disturblid
 4 of the face of the enemye, and of the tribulacioun of the
 synner. For thei bowiden wickidnessis in to me ; and in
 5 ire thei weren diseseful to me. Myn herte was disturblid
 6 in me ; and the drede of deth felde on me. Drede and
 7 trembling camen on me ; and derknessis hiliden me. And
 Y seide, Who schal ȝyue to me fetheris, as of a culuer ; and
 8 Y schal fle, and schal take rest ? Lo ! Y ȝede fer awei, and
 9 fledde ; and Y dwellide in wildirnesse. I abood hym, that
 made me saaf fro the litilnesse, *ether drede*, of spirit ; and fro
 10 tempest. Lord, caste thou doun, departe thou the tungis of
 11 hem ; for Y siȝ wickidnesse and aȝenseiying in the citee. Bi
 dai and nyȝt wickidnesse schal cumpasse it on the wallis
 12 therof ; and trauel and vnriȝtfulnessesse *ben* in the myddis therof.
 13 And vsure and gile failide not ; fro the stretis therof. For if
 myn enemye hadde cursid me ; sotheli Y hadde suffride.
 And if he, that hatide me, hadde spoke greet thingis on me ;
 14 in hap Y hadde hid me fro hym. But thou art a man of o
 15 wille ; my leeder, and my knowun. Which tokist togidere
 swete meetis with me ; we ȝeden with consent in the hous
 16 of God. Deth come on hem ; and go thei doun quyk in to
 helle. For weiwardnessis ben in the dwelling places of hem ;
 17 in the myddis of hem. But Y criede to thee, Lord ; and the
 18 Lord sauede me. In the euentid and morewtid and in myd-
 dai Y schal telle, and schewe ; and he schal here my vois.
 19 He schal aȝenbie my soule in pees fro hem, that neȝen to
 20 me ; for among manye thei weren with me. God schal
 here ; and he that is bifore the worldis schal make hem low.
 21 For chaungyng is not to hem, and thei dredden not God ; he
 holdith forth his hoond in ȝelding. Thei defouliden his
 22 testament, the cheris therof weren departid fro ire ; and his
 herte neȝede. The wordis therof weren softer than oyle ; and
 23 tho ben dartis. Caste thi cure on the Lord, and he schal

fulli nurische thee ; and he schal not ȝyue with-outen ende
 24 flotering to a iust man. But thou, God, schalt lede hem
 forth ; in to the pit of deth. Menquelleris and gilours schulen
 not haue half her daies ; but, Lord, Y schal hope in thee.

PSALM LV (LVI).

- 1 *The title of the syue and fiftithe salm. In Ebreu thus, To the ouercomyng on the doumb culuer of fer drawing awei, the comely song of Dauid, whanne Filisteis helden hym in Geth. In Jeroms translacioun thus, To the ouercomer for the doumb culuer, for it ȝede awei fer. Dauid meke and symple made this salm, whanne Palesteyns helden hym in Geth.*
- 2 Gon, haue thou merci on me, for a man hath defoulid me ;
 3 al dai he impugnyde, and troublide me. Myn enemyes de-
 4 souilden me al dai ; for manye fizteris *weren azens* me. Of
 the hiȝnesse of dai Y schal drede ; but God Y schal hope in
 5 thee. In God Y schal preise my wordis ; Y hopide in God,
 6 Y schal not drede what thing fleisch schal do to me. Al dai
 thei cursiden my wordis ; azens me alle her thouȝtis *weren* in
 7 to yuel. Thei schulen dwelle, and schulen hide ; thei schulen
 8 aspie myn heele. As thei abiden my lijf, for nouȝt schalt
 thou make hem saaf ; in ire thou schalt breke togidere puplis.
 9 God, Y schewide my lijf to thee ; thou hast set my teeris in
 10 thi siȝt. As and in thi biheest, Lord ; thanne myn enemyes
 schulen be turned abak. In what euere dai Y schal inwardli
 11 clepe thee ; lo ! Y haue knowe, that thou art my God. In
 God Y schal preyse a word ; in the Lord Y schal preyse a
 word. Y schal hope in God ; Y schal not drede what thing
 12 a man schal do to me. God, thin auowis ben in me ; whiche
 13 Y schal ȝelde heriyingis to thee. For thou hast delyuerid my
 lijf fro deth, and my feet fro slidynge ; that Y please before
 God in the liȝt of hem that lyuen.

PSALM LVI (LVII).

- ¹ *The title of the sixte and fiftithe salm. In Ebreu thus, To the victorie, lese thou not the semeli song, ether the swete song of Dauid, whanne he fledde fro the face of Saul in to the denne. In Jeroms translacioun thus, For victorie, that thou lese not Dauid, meke and simple, whanne he fledde fro the face of Saul in to the denne.*
- ² God, haue thou merci on me, haue thou merci on me ;
 for my soule tristith in thee. And Y schal hope in the
³ schadewe of thi wyngis ; til wickidnesse passee. I shall crye
⁴ to God altherhiȝeste ; to God that dide wel to me. He sente
 fro heuene, and delyuerede me ; he ȝaf in to schenschip hem
⁵ that defoulen me. God sente his merci and his treuthe, and
 delyuerede my soule fro the myddis of whelpis of liouns ; Y
 slepte disturblid. The sones of men, the teeth of hem *ben*
⁶ armuris and arowis ; and her tunge *is* a scharp swerd. God,
 be thou enhaunsid aboue heuenes ; and thi glorie aboue al
⁷ erthe. Thei maden redi a snare to my feet ; and thei greetly
 boweden my lijf. Thei delueden a dicke bifore my face ; and
⁸ thei felden doun in to it. God, myn herte *is* redi, myn herte
⁹ *is* redi ; Y schal singe, and Y schal seie salm. Mi glorie, rise
 thou vp ; sautrie and harpe, rise thou vp ; Y schal rise vp
¹⁰ eerli. Lord, Y schal knouleche to thee among puplis ; and
¹¹ Y schal seie salm among hethene men. For thi merci is
¹² magnified til to heuenes ; and thi treuthe til to cloudis. God,
 be thou enhaunsid aboue heuenes ; and thi glorie ouer al
 erthe.

PSALM LVII (LVIII).

- 1 *The title of the sevene and fiftithe salm.* In Ebreu thus, To victorie; lese thou not the swete song, ether the semely salm, of Dauid. In Jeroms translacioun thus, To the ouercomere, that thou lese not Dauid, meke and simple.
- 2 FORSOTHE if þe speken riȝtfulnessesse verili; þe sones of men,
 3 deme riȝtfuli. For in herte þe worchen wickidnesse in erthe;
 4 þoure hondis maken redi vnriȝtfulnessis. Synneris weren
 maad aliens fro the wombe; thei erriden fro the wombe, thei
 5 spaken false thingis. Woodnesse is to hem, bi the licesse
 of a serpent; as of a deef snake, and stoppynge hise eeris.
 6 Which schal not here the vois of charmeris; and of a venym-
 7 makere charmynge wiseli. God schal al to-breke the teeth of
 hem in her mouth; the Lord schal breke togidere the greet
 8 teeth of liouns. Thei schulen come to nouȝt, as water rennyng
 9 awei; he bente his bouwe, til thei ben maad sijk. As wexe
 that fletith awei, thei schulen be takun awei; fier felle aboue,
 10 and thei sizen not the sunne. Bisore that þoure thornes vn-
 durstoden the ramne; he swolewith hem so in ire, as lyuyng
 11 men. The iust man schal be glad, whanne he schal se
 veniaunce; he schal waische hise hondis in the blood of a
 12 synner. And a man schal seie treuli, For fruyt is to a iust
 man; treuli God is demynge hem in erthe.

PSALM LVIII (LIX).

- 1 *The title of the eizte and fiftithe salm.* In Jeroms translacioun
 thus, To the ouercomer, that thou lese not Dauid, meke and
 simple, whanne Saul sente and kepte the hous, to slee hym. In
 Ebreu thus, To the ouercomyng, leese thou not the semeli song
 of Dauid, and so forth.
- 2 Mi God, delyuer thou me fro myn enemyes; and delyuer
 þou me fro hem that risen aȝens me. Delyuer thou me fro

hem that worchen wickidnesse ; and sauē thou me fro men-
 + quelleris. For lo ! thei han take my soule ; stronge men
 ; fallen in on me. Nethir my wickidnesse, nether my synne ;
 Lord, Y ran with out wickidnesse, and dresside *my werkis*.
 5 Rise vp thou in to my meetyng, and se ; and thou, Lord God
 of vertues, *art* God of Israel. 3yue thou tent to visite alle
 folkis ; do thou not merci to alle that worchen wickidnesse.
 ; Thei schulen be turned at euentid, and thei as doggis schulen
 suffre hungir ; and thei schulen cumpas the citee. Lo ! thei
 schulen speke in her mouth, and a swerd in her lippis ; for
 , who herde ? And thou, Lord, schalt scorne hem ; thou schalt
 bringe alle folkis to nouȝt. I schal kepe my strengthe to
 thee ; for God *is* myn vptaker, my God, his mercy schal come
 byefore me. God schewide to me on myn enemyes, slee thou
 not hem ; lest ony tyme my puples forȝete. Scatere thou
 hem in thi vertu ; and, Lord, my defender, putte thou hem
 doun. *Putte thou doun* the trespass of her mouth, and the
 word of her lippis ; and be thei takun in her pride. And of
 cursyng and of leesyng ; thei schulen be schewid in the
 endyng. In the ire of ending, and thei schulen not be ; and
 thei schulen wite, that the Lord schal be Lord of Jacob, and
 ; of the endis of erthe. Thei schulen be turned at euentid,
 and thei as doggis schulen suffre hungur ; and thei schulen
 6 cumpas the citee. Thei schulen be scaterid abrood, for to
 eete ; sotheli if thei ben not fillid, and thei schulen grutche.
 ; But Y schal synge thi strengthe ; and eerli Y schal enhaunse
 thi merci. For thou art maad myn vptaker ; and my refuyt,
 ; in the dai of my tribulacioun. Myn helper, Y schal synge to
 thee ; for *thou art* God, myn vptaker, my God, my mercy.

PSALM LIX (LX).

- 1 *The title of the nyne and fiftithe salm.* In Ebreu thus, *To
victorie, on the witnessyng of roose, the swete song of Dauid,*
 2 *to teche, whanne he fauȝte aȝens Aram of floodis, and Sirie of
Soba ; and Joab turnede aȝen, and smoot Edom in the valci of
salt pittis, twelue thousynde.* In Jeroms translacioun thus, *To
the ouercomer for lilies, the witnessing of meke and parfit
Dauid, to teche, whanne he fauȝte aȝens Sirie of Mesopotamye,
and Soba, and so forth.*
- 3 God, thou hast put awei vs, and thou hast distried vs ;
 4 thou were wrooth, and thou hast do merci to vs. Thou
mouedist the erthe, and thou disturblidist it ; make thou hool
 5 the sorewis therof, for it is moued. Thou schewidist harde
thingis to thi puple ; thou ȝauest drynk to vs with the wyn of
 6 compunccioun. Thou hast ȝoue a signefiying to hem that
dreden thee ; that thei fle fro the face of the bouwe. That
 7 thi derlyngis be delyuered ; make thou saaf with thi riȝt hond
 8 *the puple of Israel*, and here thou me. God spak bi his hooli ;
 Y schal be glad, and Y schal departe Siccimam, and Y schal
 9 meete the greet valei of tabernaclis. Galaad is myn, and
Manasses is myn ; and Effraym is the strengthe of myn heed.
 10 Juda is my king ; Moab is the pot of myn hope. In to
Idumee Y schal stretche forth my scho ; aliens ben maad
 11 suget to me. Who schal leede me in to a citee maad strong ;
 12 who schal leede me til in to Ydumee ? Whether not thou,
God, that hast put awei vs ; and schalt thou not, God, go out
 13 in oure vertues ? Lord, ȝyue thou to vs help of tribulacioun ;
 14 for the heelthe of man is veyn. In God we schulen make
vertu ; and he schal bringe to nouȝt hem that disturblen vs.

PSALM LX (LXI).

1 *The titil of the sixtisalme. To the victorie on orgun, to David hym silf.*

2 God, here thou my biseching ; 3yue thou tent to my preyer.
 3 Fro the endis of the lond Y criede to thee ; the while myn
 herte was angwischid, thou enhaunsidist me in a stoon.
 4 Thou laddest me forth, for thou art maad myn hope ; a tour
 5 of strengthe fro the face of the enemye. I schal dwelle in thi
 tabernacle in to worldis ; Y schal be keuered in the hilyng of
 6 thi wengis. For thou, my God, hast herd my preier ; thou
 7 hast 3oue eritage to hem that dreden thi name. Thou schalt
 adde daies on the daies of the king ; hise 3eiris til in to the
 8 dai of generacioun and of generacioun. He dwellith with-
 outen ende in the siȝt of God ; who schal seke the merci and
 9 treuthe of hym ? So Y schal seie salm to thi name in to the
 world of world ; that Y ȝelde my vowis fro dai in to dai.

PSALM LXI (LXII).

1 *The titil of the oon and sixtisalme. To the victorie on Iditum, the salm of David.*

2 WHETHER my soule schal not be suget to God ; for myn
 3 heelthe *is* of hym. For whi he *is* bothe my God, and myn
 4 heelthe ; my taker vp, Y schal no more be moued. Hou
 longe fallen ȝe on a man ? alle ȝe sleen ; as to a wal bowid,
 5 and a wal of stoon with out morter cast doun. Nethenes thei
 thouȝten to putte awei my prijs, Y ran in thirst ; with her
 6 mouth thei blessiden, and in her herte thei cursiden. Nethenes,
 my soule, be thou suget to God ; for my pacience *is* of hym.
 7 For *he is* my God, and my saueour ; myn helpere, Y schal
 8 not passe out. Myn helthe, and my glorie *is* in God ; God *is*

9 *the 3yuer* of myn help, and myn hope is in God. Al the gaderyng togidere of the puple, hope *ȝe* in God, schede *ȝe* out *ȝoure* hertis bisore hym ; God *is* oure helpere with outen 10 ende. Nethelles the sones of men *ben* veyne ; the sones of men *ben* liers in balauncis, that thei disseyue of vanytee in to 11 the same thing. Nile *ȝe* haue hope in wickidnesse, and nyle *ȝe* coueyte raueyns ; if ritchessis be plenteouse, nyle *ȝe* sette 12 the herte therto. God spak onys, Y herde these twei thingis, 13 that power is of God, and, thou Lord, mercy *is* to thee ; for thou schalt *ȝelde* to ech man bi hise werkis.

PSALM LXII (LXIII).

1 *The titil of the two and sixtith salm. The saim of Dauid, whanne he was in the desert of Judee.*

2 God, my God, Y wake to thee ful eerli. Mi soule thirstide 3 to thee ; my fleisch *thirstide* to thee ful many foold. In a lond forsakun with out wei, and with out water, so Y apperide to thee in hooli ; that Y schulde se thi vertu, and thi glorie. 4 For thi merci is betere than lyues ; my lippis schulen herie 5 thee. So Y schal blesse thee in my lijf ; and in thi name Y 6 schal reise myn hondis. Mi soule be fillid as with inner fat- 7 nesse and vttermere fatnesse ; and my mouth schal herie with 8 lippis of ful out ioying. So Y hadde mynde on thee on my bed, in morewtidis Y shal thenke of thee ; for thou were myn 9 helpere. And in the keueryng of thi wyngis Y schal make ful out ioye, my soule cleuede after thee ; thi riȝthond took 10 me vp. Forsothe thei *souȝten* in veyn my lijf, thei schulen 11 entre in to the lower thingis of erthe ; thei schulen be bitakun in to the hondis of swerd, thei schulen be maad the partis of 12 soxis. But the king schal be glad in God ; and alle men schulen be preysid that sweren in hym, for the mouth of hem, that speken wickid thingis, is stoppid.

PSALM LXIII (LXIV).

- 1 *The titil of the thre and sixtith salm. In Ebewe thus, To the victorie, the salm of Dauid. In Jerom thus, To the ouercomer, the song of Dauid.*
- 2 God, here thou my preier, whanne Y biseche; delyuere
 3 thou my soule fro the drede of the enemy. Thou hast de-
 fendifd me fro the couent of yuele-doers; fro the multitude of
 4 hem that worchen wickidnesse. For thei scharpiden her
 5 tungis as a swerd, thei benten a bowe, a bittir thing; for to
 6 schete in priuetees hym that is vnwemmed. Sodeynli thei
 schulen schete hym, and thei schulen not drede; thei maden
 stidefast to hem silf a wickid word. Thei telden, that thei
 schulden hide snaris; thei seiden, Who schal se hem? Thei
 souȝten wickidnessis; thei souȝten, and failiden in sekinge.
 8 A man neȝhe to deep herte; and God schal be enhaunsid.
 9 The arowis of litle men ben maad the woundis of hem; and
 the tungis of hem ben maad sijk aȝens hem. Alle men ben
 5 disturblid, that sien hem; and ech man dredde. And thei
 telden the werkis of God; and vndurstoden the dedis of God.
 1 The iust man schal be glad in the Lord, and schal hope in
 hym; and alle men of riȝful herte schulen be preisid.

PSALM LXIV (LXV).

- 1 *The titil of the foure and sixtith salm. To victorie, the salm of the song of Dauid.*
- 2 God, heriyng bicometh thee in Syon; and a vow schal be
 3 zolden to thee in Jerusalem. Here thou my preier; ech man
 4 schal come to thee. The wordis of wickid men hadden the
 5 maistrye ouer vs; and thou schalt do merci to oure wickid-
 nessis. Blessid is he, whom thou hast chose, and hast take;

he schal dwelle in thin hallis. We schulen be fillid with the
 6 goodis of thin hous ; thi temple is hooli, wondurful in equite.
 God, oure heelthe, here thou vs ; *thou art* hope of alle coostis
 7 of erthe, and in the see afer. And thou makest redi hillis in
 8 thi vertu, and art gird with power ; which disturblist the
 9 depthe of the see, the soun of the wawis therof. Folkis
 10 schulen be disturblid, and thei that dwellen in the endis
 schulen drede of thi signes ; thou schalt delite the outgoingis
 11 of the morewtid and euentid. Thou hast visitid the lond,
 and hast greetli fillid it ; thou hast multiplied to make it
 riche. The flood of God was fillid with watriss ; thou madist
 12 redi the mete of hem, for the makynge redi therof is so. Thou
 fillynge greetli the stremes therof, multiplie the fruytis therof ;
 the *lond* bringinge forth fruytis schal be glad in goteris of it.
 13 Thou schalt blesse the coroun of the *zeer* of thi good wille ;
 14 and thi feeldis schulen be fillid with plente of fruytis. The
 feire thingis of desert schulen wexe satte ; and litle hillis
 schulen be cumpassid with ful out ioyng. The wetheris of
 scheep ben clothid, and valeis schulen be plenteuouse of
 wheete ; thei schulen crye, and sotheli thei schulen seye
 salm.

PSALM LXV (LXVI).

*1 The titil of the fyue and sixtithe salm. To the victorie, the song
 of salm.*

2 AL the erthe, make *ȝe* ioie hertli to God, seie *ȝe* salm to
3 his name ; *ȝyue* *ȝe* glorie to his heriyng. Seie *ȝe* to God,
 Lord, thi werkis ben dredeful ; in the multitude of thi vertu
4 thin enemyes schulen lie to thee. God, al the erthe worshipe
5 thee, and synge to thee ; seie it salm to thi name. Come *ȝe*
 and se *ȝe* the werkis of God ; serdful in counseils on the
6 sones of men. Which turnede the see in to drie lond ; in
 the flood thei schulen passe with foot, there we schulen be

7 glad in hym. Which is Lord in his vertu withouten ende,
 hise iȝen biholden on folkis ; thei that maken scharp be not
 8 enhaunsid in hem silf. ȝe hethen men, blesse oure God ;
 9 and make ȝe herd the vois of his preising. That hath set my
 10 soule to lijf, and ȝaf not my feet in to stiryng. For thou,
 God, hast preued vs ; thou hast examyned vs bi fier, as siluer
 11 is examyned. Thou leddist vs in to a snare, thou puttidist
 12 tribulaciouns in oure bak ; thou settidist men on oure heedis.
 We passiden bi fier and water ; and thou leddist vs out in to
 13 refreschyng. I schal entre in to thin hous in brent sacrifices ;
 14 Y schal ȝelde to thee my vowis, which my lippis spaken dis-
 15 tinctly. And my mouth spake in my tribulacioun ; Y shal
 offre to thee brent sacrificis ful of merowȝ, with the brennyng
 of rammes ; Y schal offre to thee oxis with buckis of geet.
 16 Alle ȝe that dreden God, come and here, and Y schal telle ;
 17 hou grete thingis he hath do to my soule. I criede to hym
 18 with my mouth ; and Y ioyede fulli vndir my tung. If Y
 bihelde wickidnesse in myn herte ; the Lord schal not here.
 19 Therfor God herde ; and perseuyede the vois of my bisech-
 20 yng. Blessid be God ; that remcued not my preyer, and took
 not awei his merci fro me.

PSALM LXVI (LXVII).

1 *The titil of the sixe and sixtithre salm. In Ebreu thus, To the victorie in orguns, the salm of the song. In Jerom thus, To the ouercomer in salmes, the song of wrting of a delitabile thing with metre.*

2 God haue merci on vs, and blesse vs ; liȝtne he his cheer
 3 on vs, and haue merci on vs. That we knowe thi weie on
 4 erthe ; thin heelthe in alle folkis. God, puplis knowleche to
 5 thee ; alle puplis knouleche to thee. Hethen men be glad,
 and make fulli ioye, for thou demest puplis in equite ; and

6 dressist hethene men in erthe. God, puplis knouleche to
 7 thee, alle puplis knouleche to thee; the erthe ȝaf his fruyt.
 God, oure God blesse vs, God blesse vs; and alle the coostis
 of erthe drede hym.

PSALM LXVII (LXVIII).

1 *The titil of the sevene and sixtithe salm. To the victorie, the salm of the song of Dauid.*

2 God rise vp, and hisen enemyes be scaterid; and thei that
 3 haten hym fle fro his face. As smoke failith, faile thei; as
 wax fletith fro the face of fier, so perische synneris fro the
 4 face of God. And iust men eete, and make fulli ioye in the
 5 siȝt of God; and delite thei in gladnesse. Synge ȝe to God,
 seie ȝe salm to his name; make ȝe weie to hym, that stieth
 on the goyng doun, the Lord is name to hym. Make ȝe fulli
 ioye in his siȝt, *enemyes* schulen be disturblid fro the face of
 6 hym, which is the fadir of fadirles and modirles children;
 7 and the iuge of widewis. God is in his hooli place; God
 that makith men of o wille to dwelle in the hous. Which
 leedith out bi strengthe hem that ben boundun; in lijk maner
 8 hem that maken scharp, that dwellen in sepulcris. God,
 whanne thou ȝedist out in the siȝt of thi puple; whanne thou
 9 passidist forth in the desert. The erthe was moued, for
 heuenes droppiden doun fro the face of God of Synay; fro
 10 the face of God of Israel. God, thou schalt departe wilful
 reyn to thin eritage, and it was sijk; but thou madist it par-
 11 fit. Thi beestis schulen dwelle therynne; God, thou hast
 12 maad redi in thi swetnesse to the pore man. The Lord
 schal ȝyue a word; to hem that prechen the gospel with
 13 myche vertu. The kyngis of vertues *ben maad* loued of the
 derlyng; and to the fairnesse of the hous to departe spuylis.
 14 If ȝe slepen among the myddil of *eritakis*, the fetheris of the

culuer ben of siluer ; and the hyndrere thingis of the bak
 15 therof *ben* in the shynyng of gold. While *the king of heuene*
 demeth kyngis theronne, thei schulen be maad whitter then
 16 snow in Selmon ; the hille of God *is* a fat hille. The crud-
 17 did hil *is* a fat hil ; wherto bileuen *ȝe* falsli, cruddid hillis ?

The hil in which it plesith wel God to dwelle ther ynne ; for
 18 the Lord schal dwelle in to the ende. The chare of God is
 manyfoold with ten thousynde, a thousynde of hem that ben
 19 glad ; the Lord was in hem, in Syna, in the hooli. Thou
 stiedist an hiȝ, thou tokist caitiffee ; thou resseyuedist ȝiftis
 among men. For whi *thou tokist* hem that bileueden not ;
 20 for to dwelle in the Lord God. Blessid *be* the Lord ech dai ;
 21 the God of oure heelthis schal make an eesie wei to vs. Oure
 God *is* God to make men saaf ; and outgoyng fro deeth *is*
 22 of the Lord God. Neiheles God schal breke the heedis of
 hise enemyes ; the cop of the heere of hem that goen in her
 23 trespassis. The Lord seide, Y schal turne fro Basan ; Y
 24 schal turne in to the depthe of the see. That thi foot be
 deppid in blood ; the tunge of thi doggis *be dippid in blood* of
 25 the enemyes of hym. God, thei sien thi goyngis yn ; the
 goyngis yn of my God, of my king, which is in the hooli.
 26 Prynces ioyned with syngeris camen bisore ; in the myddil of
 27 ȝonge dameselis syngynge in tympans. In chirchis blesse *ȝe*
 28 God ; *blesse ȝe* the Lord fro the wellis of Israel. There
 Beniamyn, a ȝonge man ; in the rauyschyng of mynde. The
 princis of Juda *weren* the duykis of hem ; the princis of
 29 Zabulon, the princis of Neptalm. God, comaunde thou to
 thi vertu ; God, conferme thou this thing, which thou hast
 30 wrouȝt in vs. Fro thi temple, which is in Jerusalem ; kyngis
 31 schulen offre ȝiftis to thee. Blame thou the wielde beestis of
 the reheed, the gaderyng togidere of bolis is among the kien
 of puplis ; that thei exclude hem that ben preuyd bi siluer.
 32 Distrie thou folkis that wolen batels, legatis schulen come fro

Egipt ; Ethiopie schal come bifore the hondis therof to God.
 33 Rewmes of the erthe, synge *ze* to God ; seie *ze* salm to
 34 the Lord. Singe *ze* to God ; that stiede on the heuene
 of heuene at the eest. Lo ! he schal *zyue* to his vois the
 35 vois of vertu, *zyue ze* glorie to God on Israel ; his greet
 36 doyng and his vertu *is* in the cloudis. God *is* wondirful in
 hise seytis ; God of Israel, he schal *zyue* vertu, and strengthe
 to his puple ; blessid be God.

PSALM LXVIII (LXIX).

- 1 The titil of the eiȝte and sixtithe salm. In Eōreu thus, To the victorie, on the roosis of Dauid. In Jerom thus, To the ouercomer, for the sones of Dauid.*
- 2 God, make thou me saaf ; for watrie entriden til to my*
3 soule. I am set in the sliym of the depthe ; and substaunce
is not. I cam in to the depthe of the see ; and the tempest
4 drenchide me. I traueilide criyng, my cheekis weren maad
hoose ; myn iȝen failiden, the while Y hope in to my God.
- 5 Thei that hatiden me with out cause ; weren multiplied aboue*
the heeris of myn heed. Myn enemyes that pursueden me
vniustli weren coumfortid ; Y paiede thanne tho thingis,

6 whiche Y rauischide not. God, thou knowist myn vnkun-
7 nyng ; and my trespassis ben not hid fro thee. Lord, Lord
of vertues ; thei, that abiden thee, be not aschamed in me.
God of Israel ; thei, that seken thee, be not schent on me.

8 For Y suffride schēnschipe for thee ; shame hilide my face.
9 I am maad a straunger to my britheren ; and a pilgryme to
10 the sones of my modir. For the feruent loue of thin hous eet
me ; and the schenschipis of men seiynge schenschipis to
11 thee fallen on me. And Y hilide my soule with fastyng ;
12 and it was maad in to schenschip to me. And Y puttide my
cloth an heire ; and Y am maad to hem in to a parable.

13 Thei, that saten in the gate, spaken agens me ; and thei, that
 14 drunken wien, sungen of me. But Lord, *Y dresse* my preier
 to thee ; God, *Y abide* the tyme of good plesaunce. Here
 15 thou me in the multitude of thi mercy ; in the treuthe of thin
 heelthe. Delyuer thou me fro the cley, that Y be not faste
 set in ; delyuere thou me fro hem that haten me, and fro
 16 depthe of watriss. The tempest of watir drenche not me,
 nethir the depthe swolewe me ; nethir the pit make streit his
 17 mouth on me. Lord, here thou me, for thi merci is benygne ;
 vp the multitude of thi merciful doyngis biholde thou in to
 18 me. And turne not awei thi face fro thi child ; for Y am in
 19 tribulacioun, here thou me swiftli. 3yue thou tente to my
 soule, and delyuer thou it ; for myn enemyes delyuere thou
 20 me. Thou knowist my schenschip, and my dispysyng ; and
 21 my schame. Alle that troblen me ben in thi siȝt ; myn herte
 abood schendschipe, and wretchidnesse. And Y abood hym,
 that was sory togidere, and noon was ; and that schulde
 22 coumforte, and Y foond not. And thei ȝauen galle in to my
 meete ; and in my thirst thei ȝauen to me drinke with
 23 vynegre. The boord of hem be maad bisore hem in to a
 24 snare ; and in to ȝeldyngis, and in to sclaudir. Her iȝen
 be maad derk, that thei se not ; and euere bouwe doun the
 25 bak of hem. Schede out thin ire on hem ; and the strong
 26 veniaunce of thin ire take hem. The habitacioun of hem be
 maad forsakun ; and noon be that dwelle in the tabernaclis
 27 of hem. For thei pursueden hym, whom thou hast smyte ;
 28 and thei addiden on the sorewe of my woundis. Adde thou
 wickidnesse on the wickidnesse of hem ; and entre thei not
 29 in to thi riȝtwisnesse. Be thei don awei fro the book of
 30 lyuynge men ; and be thei not writun with iust men. I am
 31 pore and sorewful ; God, thin heelthe took me vp. I schal
 herye the name of God with song ; and Y schal magnefye
 32 hym in heriyng. And it schal plese God more than a newe

33 calf; bryngynge forth hornes and clees. Pore men se, and
 34 be glad; seke ^{3e} God, and ^{3oure} soule schal lyue. For the
 Lord herde pore men; and dispiside not hise boundun men.
 35 Heuenes and erthe, herye hym; the se, and alle crepynge
 36 bestis in tho, *herye hym*. For God schal make saaf Syon;
 and the citees of Juda schulen be bildid. And thei schulen
 37 dwelle there; and thei schulen gete it bi eritage. And the
 seed of hise seruauntis schal haue it in possessioun; and thei
 that louen his name, schulen dwelle ther-yinne.

PSALM LXIX (LXX).

*1 The titil of the nyne and sixtithc salm. To the victorie of
 Dawid, to haue mynde.*

2 God, biholde thou in to myn heelp; Lord, hast thou to
3 helpe me. Be thei schent, and aschamed; that seken my
 lijf. Be thei turned a-bak; and schame thei, that wolen
4 yuels to me. Be thei turned awei anoon, and schame thei;
5 that seien to me, Well! wel! Alle men that seken thee,
 make fulli ioie, and be glad in thee; and thei that louen thin
6 heelthe, seie euere, The Lord be magnyfied. Forsothe Y am
 a nedli man, and pore; God, helpe thou me. Thou art myn
 helper and my delyuerere; Lord, tarye thou not.

PSALM LXX (LXXI).

1 The seuentithe salm hath no title.

LORD, Y ~~hopide~~ in thee, be Y not schent with-outen ende;
2 in thi ~~riȝtwisnesse~~ delyuere thou me, and rauysche me out.
3 Bowe doun thin eere to me; and make me saaf. Be thou to
 me in to God a defendere; and in to a strengthid place, that
 thou make me saaf. For thou art my stidefastnesse; and
4 my refiut. My God, delyuere thou me fro the hoond of the

synner ; and fro the hoond of a man doyng *aȝens* the lawe,
 5 and of the wickid man. For thou, Lord, art my pacience ;
 6 Lord, *thou art* myn hope fro my ȝongthe. In thee Y am
 confermyd fro the wombe ; thou art my defendere fro the
 7 wombe of my modir. My syngynge *is* euere in thee ; Y am
 maad as a greet wonder to many men ; and thou *art* a strong
 8 helpere. My mouth be fillid with heriying ; that Y synge thi
 9 glorie, al dai thi greetnesse. Caste thou not awei me in the
 tyme of eldnesse ; whanne my vertu failith, forsake thou not
 10 me. For myn enemyes seiden of me ; and thei that kepten
 11 my liff maden counsel togidere. Seiynge, God hath forsake
 12 hym ; pursue ȝe, and take hym ; for noon is that schal
 13 delyuere. God, be thou not maad afer fro me ; my God,
 14 biholde thou in to myn help. Men that bacbiten my soule,
 be schent, and faile thei ; and be thei hilid with schenschip
 15 and schame, that seken yuels to me. But Y schal hope
 16 euere ; and Y schal adde euere ouer al thi preising. Mi
 mouth schal telle thi riȝtfulnessesse ; al dai thin helthe. For Y
 knewe not lettture, Y schal entre in to the poweres of the
 17 Lord ; Lord, Y schal bithenke on thi riȝtfulnessesse aloone.
 18 God, thou hast tauȝt me fro my ȝongthe, and til to now ; Y
 schal telle out thi merueilis. And til in to the eldnesse and
 the laste age ; God, forsake thou not me. Til Y telle thin
 arm ; to eche generacioun, that schal come. *Til Y telle* thi
 19 myȝt, and thi riȝtfulnessesse, God, til in to the hijeste grete dedis
 20 which thou hast do ; God, who is lik thee ? Hou grete
 tribulaciouns many and yuele hast thou schewid to me ; and
 thou conuertid hast quykenyd me, and hast est brought me
 21 aȝen fro the depthis of erthe. Thou hast multiplied thi greet
 22 doyng ; and thou conuertid hast coumfortid me. For whi
 and Y schal knowleche to thee, thou God, thi treuthe in the
 instrumentis of salm ; Y schal synge in an harpe to thee, *tha-*
 23 *art* the hooli of Israel. Mi lippis schulen make fulli ioye

whanne Y schal synge to thee ; and my soule, which thou
 24 azen-bouȝtist. But and my tungē schal thenke al dai on thi
 riȝtfulness ; whanne thei schulen be schent and aschamed,
 that seken yuelis to me.

PSALM LXXI (LXXII).

1 *The title of the oon and seuentithe psalm. To Salomon.*

2 God, ȝyue thi doom to the king ; and thi riȝtfulness to the
 sone of a king. To deme thi puple in riȝtfulness ; and thi
 3 pore men in doom. Mounteyns resseyue pees to the puple ;
 4 and little hillis resseyue riȝtfulness. He schal deme the pore
 men of the puple, and he schal make saaf the sones of pore
 5 men ; and he schal make low the false chalengere. And he
 schal dwelle with the sunne, and bifore the moone ; in genera-
 6 cioun and in to generacioun. He schal come doun as reyn
 7 in to a flees ; and as goteris droppinge on the erthe. Riȝt-
 fulnesse schal come forth in hise dayes, and the aboundaunce
 8 of pees ; til the moone be takun awei. And he schal be lord
 fro the see til to the see ; and fro the flood til to the endis of
 9 the world. Ethiopiens schulen falle doun bifore hym ; and
 10 hise enemyes schulen licke the erthe. The kyngis of Tarsis
 and ilis schulen offre ȝiftis ; the kyngis of Arabie and of Saba
 11 schulen brynge ȝiftis. And alle kyngis schulen worshipe
 12 hym ; alle folkis schulen serue hym. For he schal delyuer a
 pore man fro the miȝti ; and a pore man to whom was noon
 13 helpere. He schal spare a pore man and nedī ; and he schal
 14 make saaf the soulis of pore men. He schal aȝen-bie the
 soulis of hem fro vsuris, and wickidnesse ; and the name of
 15 hem is onourable bifor hym. And he schal lyue, and me
 schal ȝyue to hym of the gold of Arabie ; and thei schulen
 euere worshipe of hym, al dai thei schulen blesse hym.
 16 Stidefastnesse schal be in the erthe, in the hiȝeste places of

mounteyns ; the fruyt therof schal be enhaunsid aboue the Liban ; and thei schulen blosme fro the citee, as the hey of 17 erthe doith. His name be blessid in to worldis ; his name dwelle bisore the sunne. And all the lynagis of erthe schulen 18 be blessid in hym ; alle folkis schulen magnyfie hym. Blessid be the Lord God of Israel ; which aloone makith merueiylis. 19 Blessid be the name of his maieste with-outen ende ; and al erthe schal be fillid with his maieste ; be it doon, be it doon.

20 *The preiris of Dauid, the sone of Ysay, ben endid.*

PSALM LXXII (LXXXIII).

1 *The title of the two and seuentithe salm. The salm of Asaph.*

God of Israel is ful good ; to hem that ben of riȝtful herte. 2 But my feet weren moued almeest ; my steppis weren sched 3 out almeest. For Y louede feruentli on wickid men ; seyng 4 the pees of synneris. For biholdyng is not to the deth of 5 hem ; and stidefastnesse in the sikenesse of hem. Thei ben 6 not in the trauel of men ; and thei schulen not be betun with 7 men. Therfore pride helde hem ; thei weren hilid with her 8 wickidnesse and vnfeithfulness. The wickidnesse of hem cam forth as of fatnesse ; thei ȝeden in to desire of herte. 9 Thei thouȝten and spaken weiwardnesse ; thei spaken wickid- 10 nesse an hiȝ. Thei puttiden her mouth in to heuene ; and 11 her tunge passide in erthe. Therfor my puple schal be con- uertid here ; and fulle daies schulen be foundun in hem. 12 And thei seiden, How woot God ; and whether kunningg is 13 an heiȝe, *that is, in heuene?* Lo ! thilke synneris and hauyng 14 abundance in the world ; helden richessis. And Y seide, 15 Therfor without cause Y iustifiede myn herte ; and waischide myn hoondis among innocentis. And Y was betun al dai ; and my chastisyng was in morutidis. If Y seide, Y schal telle

16 thus ; lo ! Y repreude the nacioun of thi sones. I gesside,
 17 that Y schulde knowe this ; trauel is bifore me. Til Y entre
 in to the seyntuarie of God ; and vndurstonde in the last
 18 thingis of hem. Nethenes for gilis thou hast put to hem ;
 19 thou castidist hem doun ; while thei weren reisid. Hou ben
 thei maad into desolacioun ; thei failiden sodeynli, thei peri-
 20 schiden for her wickidnesse. As the dreem of men that
 risen ; Lord, thou schalt dryue her ymage to nouȝt in thi
 21 citee. For myn herte is enflaumed, and my reynes ben
 22 chaungid ; and Y am dryuun to nouȝt, and Y wiste not.
 23 As a werk-beeste Y am maad at thee ; and Y am euere
 24 with thee. Thou heldist my riȝthond, and in thi wille thou
 25 leddist me forth ; and with glorie thou tokist me vp. For
 whi what is to me in heuene ; and what wolde Y of thee on
 26 erthe ? Mi fleische and myn herte failide ; God of myn herte,
 27 and my part is God withouten ende. For lo ! thei that
 drawen awei fer hem silf fro thee, *bi deedli synne*, schulen
 perische ; thou hast lost alle men that doen fornycacioun fro
 28 thee. But it is good to me to cleue to God ; and to sette
 myn hope in the Lord God. That Y telle alle thi prechyngis ;
 in the ȝatis-of the douȝter of Syon.

PSALM LXXIII (LXXIV).

1 *The title of the thre and seuentithe salm. The lernyng of
 Asaph.*

God, whi hast thou put awei in to the ende ; thi strong
 2 veniaunce is wrooth on the scheep of thi leesewe ? Be thou
 myndeful of thi gadering togidere ; which thou haddist in
 possessioun fro the bigynnnyng. Thou aȝenbouȝtist the ȝerde
 3 ther ynne. Reise thin hondis in to the prides of hem ; hou
 4 grete thingis the enemy dide wickidli in the hooli. And

thei that hatiden thee ; hadden glorie in the myddis of thi
 solempnete. Thei settiden her signes, *ethir baneris*, signes
 on the hijeste, as in the outgoing ; and thei knewen not.
 As in a wode of trees thei heweden doun with axis the yatis
 therof in to it silf ; thei castiden doun it with an ax, and
 a brood fallinge ax. Thei brenten with fier thi seytuarie ;
 thei desouilden the tabernacle of thi name in erthe. The
 kynrede of hem seiden togidere in her herte ; Make we alle
 the feest-daires of God to ceesse fro the erthe. We han not
 seyn oure signes, now no profete is ; and he schal no more
 knowe vs. God, hou long schal the enemye seie dispit ? the
 aduersarie territh to ire thi name in to the ende. Whi turnest
 thou awei thin hoond, and *to drawe out* thi riȝthond fro the
 myddis of thi bosum, til in to the ende ? Forsothe God
 oure kyng bisore worldis ; vrouȝte heelthe in the mydis of
 erthe. Thou madist sad the see bi thi vertu ; thou hast
 troblid the heedis of dragouns in watri. Thou hast broke
 the heedis of the dragoun ; thou hast ȝoue hym to mete to
 the puplis of Ethiopiens. Thou hast broke wellis, and
 strondis ; thou madist drie the flosis of Ethan. The dai is
 thin, and the niȝt is thin ; thou madist the moreutid and the
 sunne. Thou madist alle the endis of erthe ; somer and
 veer-tyme, thou fourmedist tho. Be thou myndesful of this
 thing, the enemye hath seid schenschip to the Lord ; and
 the vnwijs puple hath excitid to ire thi name. Bitake thou
 not to beestis men knoulechenge to thee ; and forȝete thou
 not in to the ende the soulis of thi pore men. Biholde
 in to thi testament ; for thei that ben maad derk of erthe,
 ben fillid with the housis of wickidnessis. A meke man
 be not turned awei maad aschamed ; a pore man and nedis
 schulen herie thi name. God, rise vp, deme thou thi cause ;
 be thou myndesful of thin vpbreidyngis, of tho that ben
 al dai of the vnwise man. Forȝete thou not the voices

of thin enemyes ; the pride of hem that haten thee, stieth euere.

PSALM LXXIV (LXXV).

1 *The title of the fourte and seuentithe salm. To the ouercomere ; leese thou not the salm of the song of Asaph.*

2 God, we schulen knouleche to thee, we schulen knou-
 3 leche ; and we schulen inwardli clepe thi name. We schulen
 4 telle thi merueilis ; whanne Y schal take tyme, Y schal deme
 5 riȝtfulnesses. The erthe is meltid, and alle that duellen ther-
 6 ynne ; Y confermede the pileris therof. I seide to wickid
 7 men, Nyle ȝe do wickidli ; and to trespassouris, Nyle ȝe
 8 enhaunce the horn. Nyle ȝe reise an hiȝ ȝoure horn ; nyle
 9 ȝe speke wickidnesse agens God. For nether fro the eest,
 10 nethir fro the west, nethir fro desert hillis ; for God is the
 11 iuge. He mekith this *man*, and enhaunsith hym ; for a
 12 cuppe of cleene wyn ful of meddling *is* in the hoond of the
 13 Lord. And he bowide of this in to that ; netheles the drast
 14 therof is not anyntischid ; alle synneris of erthe schulen
 15 drinke therof. Forsothe Y schal telle in to the world ;
 16 Y schal synge to God of Jacob. And Y schal breke alle
 17 the hornes of synneris ; and the hornes of the iust man
 18 schulen be enhaunsid.

PSALM LXXV (LXXVI).

1 *The title of the fyue and seuentithe salm. To the victorie in orguns, the salm of the song of Asaph.*

2 God is knowun in Judee ; his name is greet in Israel.
 3 And his place is maad in pees ; and his dwellyng *is* in Syon.
 4 Ther he brak poweris ; bowe, scheeld, swerd, and batel.
 5 And thou, *God*, liȝtnest wondirfuli fro euerlastynge hillis ;

alle vnwise men of herte weren troblid. Thei slepten her sleep ; and alle men founden no thing of richessis in her hondis. Thei that stieden on horsis ; slepten for thi blamysng, thou God of Jacob. Thou art feerful, and who schal azenstone thee ? fro that tyme thin ire. Fro heuene thou madist doom herd ; the erthe tremblide, and restide. Whanne God roos vp in to doom ; to make saaf al the mylde men of erthe. For the thouȝt of man schal knouleche to thee ; and the relifs of thouȝt schulen make a feeste-dai to thee. Make ȝe a vow, and ȝelde ȝe to ȝoure Lord God ; alle that bringen ȝiftis in the cumpas of it. To God ferdful, and to him that takith awei the spirit of prynces ; to the ferdful at the kyngis of erthe.

PSALM LXXVI (LXXVII).

The title of the sixte and seuentithe psalm. To the ouercomere on Yditum, the psalm of Asaph.

WITH my vois Y criede to the Lord ; with my vois to God, and he ȝaf tent to me. In the dai of my tribulacioun Y souȝte God with myn hondis; in the nyȝt to-sore hym, and Y am not disseyued. Mi soule forsook to be coumfortid ; Y was myndeful of God, and Y delitide, and Y was exercisid ; and my spirit failide. Myn iȝen bisore took wakyngis ; Y was disturblid, and Y spak not. I thouȝte elde daies ; and Y hadde in mynde euerlastinge ȝeiris. And Y thouȝte in the nyȝt with myn herte ; and Y was exercisid, and Y clensid my spirit. Whether God schal caste awei with-outen ende ; ethir schal he not lei to, that he be more plesid ȝit? Ethir schal he kitte awei his merci into the ende ; fro generacioun in to generacioun? Ethir schal God forȝete to do mercy ; ethir schal he withholde his mercies in his ire? And Y seide, Now Y bigan ; this is the chaunging of the riȝthond of the hiȝe God. I hadde mynde on the werkis of the Lord ;

for Y schal haue mynde fro the bigynnyng of thi merueilis.
 13 And Y schal thenke in alle thi werkis; and Y schal be
 14 occupied in thi fyndyngis. God, thi weie *was* in the hooli;
 15 what God *is* greet as oure God? thou art God, that doist
 merueilis. Thou madist thi vertu knowun among puplis;
 16 thou aȝenbouȝtist in thi arm thi puple, the sones of Jacob and
 17 of Joseph. God, watrissien thee, watrissien thee, and
 18 dredden; and depthis of watrissi weren disturblid. The mul-
 19 titude of the soun of watrissi; cloudis ȝauen vois. For whi
 thin arewisi passen; the vois of thi thundir *was* in a wheel.
 Thi liȝtnyngis schyneden to the world; the erthe was moued,
 20 and tremblid. Thi weie in the see, and thi pathis in many
 21 watrissi; and thi steppis schulen not be knowun. Thou
 leddist forth thi puple as scheep; in the hond of Moyses
 and of Aaron.

PSALM LXXVII (LXXVIII).

i. The title of the sevene and seuentithe salm. The lernyng of Asaph.

My puple, perseyue ȝe my lawe; bowe ȝoure eere in to
 2 the wordis of my mouth. I schal opene my mouth in para-
 3 blis; Y schal speke perfite resouns fro the bigynnyng. Hou
 grete thingis han we herd, and we han knowe tho; and oure
 4 fadris telden to vs. Tho ben not hid fro the sones of hem;
 in another generacioun. And thei telden the heriyingis of
 the Lord, and the vertues of hym; and hise merueilis,
 5 whyche he dide. And he reiside witnessyng in Jacob; and
 he settide lawe in Israel. Hou grete thingis comaundide he
 6 to oure fadris, to make tho knowun to her sones; that
 another generacioun knowe. Sones, that schulen be born,
 7 and schulen rise vp; schulen telle out to her sones. That
 thei sette her hope in God, and forȝete not the werkis of
 8 God; and that thei seke hise comaundementis. Lest thei

be maad a schrewid generacioun ; and terryng to wraththe,
 as the fadris of hem. A generacioun that dresside not his
 9 herte ; and his spirit was not billeued with God. The sones
 10 of Effraym, bendinge a bouwe and sendynge *arrowis* ; weren
 turned in the dai of batel. Thei kepten not the testament of
 11 God ; and thei nolden go in his lawe. And thei forȝaten
 hise benefices ; and hise merueils, whiche he schewide to
 12 hem. He dide merueils bifore the fadris of hem in the loond
 13 of Egyp; in the feeld of Taphneos. He brak the see, and
 ledde hem thorou ; and he ordeynede the watriis as in a
 14 bouge. And he ledde hem forth in a cloude of the dai ;
 15 and al niȝt in the liȝtning of fier. He brak a stoon in
 deseert ; and he ȝaf watir to hem as in a myche depthe.
 16 And he ledde watir out of the stoon ; and he ledde forth
 17 watriis as floodis. And thei leiden to ȝit to do synne aȝens
 hym ; thei excitiden hiȝe *God* in to ire, in a place with out
 18 water. And thei temptiden God in her hertis ; that thei
 19 axiden meetis to her lyues. And thei spaken yuel of God ;
 thei seiden, Whether God may make redi a bord in desert ?
 20 For he smoot a stoon, and watriis flowiden ; and streemys
 ȝeden out in aboundaunce. Whether also he may ȝyue
 21 breed ; ether make redi a bord to his puple ? Therfor the
 Lord herde, and delaiede ; and fier was kindelid in Jacob,
 22 and the ire of God stiede on Israel. For thei billeueden not
 23 in God ; nether hopiden in his heelthe. And he comaundide
 to the cloudis aboue ; and he openyde the ȝatis of heuene.
 24 And he reynede to hem manna for to eete ; and he ȝaf to
 25 hem breed of heuene. Man eet the breed of aungels ; he
 26 sent to hem meetis in abundance. He turnede ouere the
 south wynde fro heuene ; and he brouȝte in bi his vertu the
 27 weste wynde. And he reynede fleischis as dust on hem ;
 and he reinede volatils fethered, as the grauel of the see.
 28 And tho felden doun in the myddis of her castels ; aboue

29 the tabernaclis of hem. And thei eeten, and weren fillid
 30 greetli, and he brouȝte her desire to hem; thei weren not
 defraudid of her desier. ȝit her metis weren in her mouth;
 31 and the ire of God stiede on hem. And he killide the fatte
 32 men of hem; and he lettide the chosene men of Israel. In
 alle these thingis thei synneden ȝit; and bileuede not in the
 33 merueils of God. And the daies of hem failiden in vanytee;
 34 and the ȝeeris of hem *faileden* with haste. Whanne he
 killide hem, thei souȝten hym; and turneden aȝen, and eerli
 35 thei camen to hym. And thei bithouȝten, that God is the
 helper of hem; and the hiȝ God is the aȝenbier of hem.
 36 And thei louedeñ hym in her mouth; and with her tunge thei
 37 lieden to hym. Forsothe the herte of hem was not riȝtful
 with hym; nethir thei weren had feithful in his testament.
 38 But he is merciful, and he schal be maad merciful to the
 synnes of hem; and he schal not destrie hem. And he dide
 greetli, to turne awci his yre; and he kyndelide not al his ire.
 39 And he bithouȝte, that thei ben fleische; a spirit goyng, and
 40 not turnynge aȝen. Hou oft maden thei hym wrooth in
 desert; thei stireden hym in to ire in a place with out watir.
 41 And thei weren turned, and temptiden God; and thei
 42 wraththiden the hooli of Israel. Thei bithouȝten not on
 his hond; in the dai in the which he aȝen-bouȝte hem fro
 43 the hond of the trobler. As he settide hise signes in
 Egipt; and hise grete wondris in the feeld of Taphneos.
 44 And he turnede the flodis of hem and the reynes of hem
 45 in to blood; that thei schulden not drynke. He sente a
 fleisch flie in to hem, and it eet hem; and *he sente* a paddok,
 46 and it loste hem. And he ȝaf the fruytis of hem to rust; and
 47 *he ȝaf* the trauels of hem to locustis. And he killide the
 vynes of hem bi hail; and the moore trees of hem bi a frost.
 48 And he bitook the beestis of hem to hail; and the posses-
 49 sioun of hem to fier. He sente in to hem the ire of his

indignacioun ; indignacioun, and ire, and tribulacioun, send-
 50 ings in bi iuel aungels. He made weie to the path of his
 ire, and he sparide not fro the deth of her lyues ; and he
 51 closide togidere in deth the beestis of hem. And he smoot
 al the first gendrid thing in the lond of Egipt ; the first
 fruytis of alle the trauel of hem in the tabernaclis of Cham.
 52 And he took awei his puple as scheep ; and he ledde hem
 53 forth as a flok in desert. And he ledde hem forth in hope,
 and thei dredden not ; and the see hilide the enemyes of
 54 hem. And he brouȝte hem in to the hil of his halewyng ; in
 to the hil which his riȝthond gat. And he castide out hethene
 men fro the face of hem ; and bi lot he departide to hem the
 55 lond in a cord of delyng. And he made the lynagis of Israel
 56 to dwelle in the tabernaclis of hem. And thei temptiden, and
 wraththiden heiȝ God ; and thei kepten not hise witnessyngis.
 57 And thei turneden awei hem silf, and thei kepten not couen-
 aunt ; as her fadris weren turned in to a schrewid bouwe.
 58 Thei stiriden him in to ire in her litle hillis ; and thei
 59 terriden hym to indignacioun of her grauen ymagis. God
 herde, and forsook ; and brouȝte to nouȝt Israel greetli.
 60 And he puttide awei the tabernacle of Sylo ; his tabernacle
 61 where he dwellide among men. And he bitook the vertu
 of hem in to caitiftee ; and the fairnesse of hem in to the
 62 hondis of the enemye. And he closide togidere his puple in
 63 swerd ; and he dispiside his erytage. Fier eet the ȝonge
 men of hem ; and the virgyns of hem weren not biweilid.
 64 The prestis of hem fallen doun bi swerd ; and the widewis of
 65 hem weren not biwept. And the Lord was reisid, as slep-
 66 ynge ; as miȝti greetli fillid of wiyn. And he smoot hise
 enemyes on the hynderere partis ; he ȝaf to hem euerlastyng
 67 schenschipe. And he puttide awei the tabernacle of Joseph ;
 68 and he chees not the lynage of Effraym. But he chees the
 lynage of Juda ; he chees the hil of Syon, which he louede.

69 And he as an vnicorn bildenide his hooli place ; in the lond,
 70 which he foundide in to worldis. And he chees Dauid his
 seruaunt, and took hym vp fro the flockis of scheep; he took
 71 hym fro bihynde scheep with lambren. To feed Jacob his
 72 seruaunt ; and Israel his eritage. And he fedde hem in the
 innocens of his herte ; and he ledde hem forth in the vndur-
 stondyngeis of his hondis.

PSALM LXXVIII (LXXIX).

1 *The title of the eiȝte and seuentiȝe salm. Of Asaph.*

God, hethene men cam in to thin eritage ; thei defouliden
 thin hooli temple, thei settiden Jerusalem in to the keping
 2 of applis. Thei settiden the slayn bodies of thi seruauntis,
 meetis to the volatilis of heuenes ; the fleischis of thi seyntis
 3 to the beestis of the erthe. Thei schedden out the blood
 of hem, as watir in the cumpas of Jerusalem ; and noon
 4 was that biriede. We ben maad schenschipe to oure neȝ-
 boris ; mowynge and scornynge to hem, that ben in oure
 5 cumpas. Lord, hou longe schalt thou be wrooth in to
 6 the ende ? schal thi viaunce be kyndelid as fier ? Schede
 out thin ire in to hethene men, that knownen not thee ; and
 7 in to rewmes, that clepiden not thi name. For thei eeten
 8 Jacob ; and maden desolat his place. Haue thou not mynde
 on oure elde wickidnesses ; thi mercies bifore take vs soone,
 9 for we ben maad pore greetli. God, oure heelthe, helpe
 thou vs, and, Lord, for the glorie of thi name delyuer thou
 10 vs ; and be thou merciful to oure synnes for thi name. Lest
 perauenture thei seie among hethene men, Where is the
 God of hem ? and be he knowun among naciouns bifore
 oure iȝen. The viaunce of the blood of thi seruauntis,
 which is sched out ; the weilyng of feterid men entre in
 11 thi siȝt. Vpe the greetnesse of thin arm ; welde thou the

12 sones of slayn men. And ȝelde thou to oure neijboris
 seuenfoold in the bosum of hem; the schenschip of hem,
 13 which thei diden schenshipfuli to thee, thou Lord. But
 we *that ben* thi puple, and the scheep of thi leesewe; schulen
 knouleche to thee in to the world. In generacioun and in
 to generacioun; we schulen telle thin heriyng.

PSALM LXXIX (LXXX).

1 *The title of the nyne and seuentithe salm. To victorie; this
 salm is witnessing of Asaph for lilies.*

2 THOU that gouernest Israel, ȝyue tent; that leedist forth
 Joseph as a scheep. Thou that sittist on cherubym; be
 3 schewid bifore Effraym, Beniamyn, and Manasses. Stire
 4 thi power, and come thou; that thou make vs saaf. God
 of vertues, turne thou vs; and schewe thi face, and we
 5 schulen be saaf. Lord God of vertues; hou longe schalt
 6 thou be wrooth on the preier of thi seruaunt? *Hou longe*
 schalt thou seede vs with the breed of teeris; and schalt
 7 ȝyue drynke to vs with teeris in mesure? Thou hast set
 vs in to aȝenseiying to oure neijboris; and oure enemyes
 8 han scornyde vs. God of vertues, turne thou vs; and
 9 schewe thi face, and we schulen be saaf. Thou transla-
 tidist a vyne fro Egipt; thou castidist out hethene men,
 10 and plauntidist it. Thou were leeder of the weie in the
 siȝt therof; and thou plauntidist the rootis therof, and it
 11 fillide the lond. The schadewe therof hilide hillis; and
 12 the braunchis therof *filliden* the cedris of God. It streiȝte
 forth hise siouns til to the see, and the generacioun ther-
 13 of til to the flood. Whi hast thou destried the wal therof;
 and alle men that goen forth bi the weie gaderiden awei
 14 the grapis therof? A boor of the wode distriede it; and
 15 a singuler wielde beeste deuouride it. God of vertues, be

thou turned; biholde thou fro heuene, and se, and visite
 16 this vyne. And make thou it perfit, which thi riȝthond
 plauntide; and *biholde thou* on the sone of man, which
 17 thou hast confermyd to thee. Thingis brent with fier, and
 vndurmyned; schulen perische for the blamyng of thi cheer.
 18 Thin hond be maad on the man of thi riȝthond; and on
 the sone of man, whom thou hast confermed to thee.
 19 And we departiden not fro thee; thou schalt quykene vs,
 20 and we schulen inwardli clepe thi name. Lord God of
 vertues, turne thou vs; and schewe thi face, and we schulen
 be saaf.

PSALM LXXX (LXXXI).

*The title of the eiztelthe salm. To the ouercomer
 in the pressours of Asaph.*

2 MAKE ȝe fulli ioye to God, oure helpere; synge ȝe herthi
 3 to God of Jacob. Take ȝe a salm, and ȝyue ȝe a tympan;
 4 a myrie sautere with an harpe. Blowe ȝe with a trumpe
 5 in Neomenye; in the noble dai of ȝoure solemnite. For
 whi comaundement is in Israel; and doom *is* to God of
 6 Jacob. He settide that witnessing in Joseph; whanne he
 7 ȝede out of the lond of Egipt, he herde a langage, which
 he knew not. He turnede a-wei his bak fro birthens; hise
 8 hondis serueden in a coffyn. In tribulacioun thou inwardli
 clepidist me, and Y delyuerede thee; Y herde thee in the
 hid place of tempest, Y preuede thee at the water of azen-
 9 seiyng. My puple, here thou, and Y schal be witnesse
 10 azens thee; Israel, if thou herist me, a fresche God schal
 not be in thee, and thou schalt not worshipe an alien
 11 god. For Y am thi Lord God, that ladde thee out of
 the lond of Egipt; make large thi mouth, and Y schal
 12 fille it. And my puple herde not my vois; and Israel
 13 ȝaue not tente to me. And Y leste hem aftir the desiris

14 of her herte; thei schulen go in her fyndyngis. If my
15 puple hadde herde me; if Israel hadde go in my weies.
16 For nouȝt in hap Y hadde maad low her enemyes; and
17 Y hadde send myn hond on men doyng tribulacioun to
18 hem. The enemyes of the Lord lieden to hym; and her
19 tyme schal be in to worldis. And he fedde hem of the
fatnesse of whete; and he fillide hem with honyn of the stoon.

PSALM LXXXI (LXXXII).

The title of the oon and eiȝtetitthe salm. Of Asaph.

God stood in the synagoge of goddis; forsothe he demeth
2 goddis in the myddil. Hou longe demen ȝe wickidnesse;
3 and taken the faces of synneris? Deme ȝe to the nedie
man, and to the modirles child; iustifie ȝe the meke man
4 and pore. Raueische ȝe out a pore man; and delyuere ȝe
5 the nedie man fro the hond of the synner. Thei knewen
not, nether vndirstoden, thei goen in derknessis; alle the
6 soundementis of erthe schulen be moued. I seide, ȝe ben
7 goddis; and alle ȝe ben the sones of hiȝ God. But ȝe
schulen die as men; and ȝe schulen falle doun as oon of
8 the princis. Ryse, thou God, deme thou the erthe; for
thou schalt haue eritage in alle folkis.

PSALM LXXXII (LXXXIII).

*The title of the two and eiȝtetitthe salm. The song
of the salm of Asaph.*

2 God, who schal be lijk thee? God, be thou not stille,
3 nether be thou peesid. For lo! thin enemyes sowneden;
4 and thei that haten thee reisiden the heed. Thei maden
a wickid counsel on thi puple; and thei thouȝten aȝens
5 thi seyntis. Thei seiden, Come ȝe, and leese we hem fro

the folk ; and the name of Israel be no more haddle in
 6, 7 mynde. For thei thouȝten with oon accord ; the tabernaclis
 of Ydumeys, and men of Ismael disposiden a testament
 8 togidere aȝens thee. Moab, and Agarenus, Jebal, and Amon,
 9 and Amalech ; alienys with hem that dwellen in Tyre. For
 Assur cometh with hem ; thei ben maad in to help to the
 10 sones of Loth. Make thou to hem as to Madian, and
 11 Sisara ; as to Jabyn in the stronde of Sison. Thei pe-
 rischiden in Endor ; thei weren maad as a toord of erthe.
 12 Putte thou the prynces of hem as Oreb and Zeb ; and
 Zebee and Salmana. Alle the princis of hem, that seiden ;
 13, 14 Holde we bi eritage the seyntuarie of God. My God,
 putte thou hem as a whele ; and as stobil bifor the face
 15 of the wynde. As fier that brenneth a wode ; and as
 16 flawme brynnynge hillis. So thou schalt pursue hem in
 thi tempeste ; and thou schalt disturble hem in thin ire.
 17 Lord, fille thou the faces of hem with schenschipe ; and
 18 thei schulen seke thi name. Be thei aschamed, and be
 thei disturblid in to world of world ; and be thei schent
 19 and perische thei. And knowe thei, that the Lord is name
 to thee ; thou aloone *art* the hiȝeste in ech lond.

PSALM LXXXIII. (LXXXIV).

*The title of the thre and eiȝetitthe salm. The salm
 of the sones of Chore.*

2, 3 L ORD of vertues, thi tabernaclis ben greetli loued ; my
 soule coueitith, and failith in to the porchis of the Lord.
 Myn herte and my fleische ; ful out ioyeden in to quyk
 4 God. For whi a sparewe fyndith an hous to it silf ; and
 a turtle *fyndith* a neste to it silf, where it schal kepe hise
 bryddis. Lord of vertues, thin auteris ; my king, and my
 5 God. Lord, blessid *ben* thei that dwellen in thin hous ;

6 thei schulen preise thee in to the worldis of worldis. Blessid
 is the man, whos help is of thee; he hath disposid stiyngis
 7 in his herte, in the valei of teeris, in the place which he
 8 hath set. For the ȝyuer of the lawe schal ȝyue blesyng,
 thei schulen go fro vertu in to vertu; God of goddis schal
 9 be seyn in Sion. Lord God of vertues, here thou my preier;
 10 God of Jacob, perseyue thou with eeris. God, oure de-
 fender, biholde thou; and biholde in to the face of thi
 11 crist. For whi o dai in thin hallis is bettere; than a thou-
 synde. I chees to be an out-cast in the hous of my God;
 12 more than to dwelle in the tabernaclis of synneris. For
 God loueth merci and treuthe; the Lord schal ȝyue grace
 13 and glorie. He schal not deprive hem fro goodis, that
 gon in innocence; Lord of vertues, blessid is the man,
 that hopith in thee.

PSALM LXXXIV (LXXXV).

*1 The title of the fourte and eijtetithe psalm. Of the
 sones of Chore.*

2 LORD, thou hast blessid thi lond; thou hast turned awei
 3 the caitiste of Jacob. Thou hast forȝoue the wickidnesse
 4 of thi puple; thou hast hilid alle the synnes of hem. Thou
 hast aswagid al thin ire; thou hast turned awei fro the ire
 5 of thin indignacioun. God, oure helthe, conuerte thou vs;
 6 and turne awei thin ire fro vs. Whether thou schalt be
 wrooth to vs withouten ende; ether schalt thou holde forth
 7 thin ire fro generacioun in to generacioun? God, thou
 conuertid schalt quykene vs; and thi puple schal be glad
 8 in thee. Lord, schewe thi merci to vs; and ȝyue thin
 9 helthe to vs. I schal here what the Lord God schal speke
 in me; for he schal speke pees on his puple. And on
 his hooli men; and on hem that ben turned to herte.

10 Nethelas his helthe *is* niȝ men dredyng him; that glorie
 11 dwelle in oure lond. Merci and treuthe metten hem silf;
 12 riȝtwisnesse and pees weren kissid. Treuthe cam forth of
 13 erthe; and riȝtfulnessesse bihelde fro heuene. For the Lord
 schal ȝyue benignyte; and oure erthe schal ȝyue his fruyt.
 14 Riȝtfulnessesse schal go bisore him; and schal sette hise steppis
 in the weie.

PSALM LXXXV (LXXXVI).

The title of the syue and eiȝtetithe salm. The preier of Dauid.

1 LORD, bowe doun thin eere, and here me; for Y am
 2 nedи and pore. Kepe thou my lijf, for Y am holi; my
 3 God, make thou saaf thi seruaunt hopynge in thee. Lord,
 4 haue thou merci on me, for Y criede al day to thee; make
 5 thou glad the soule of thi seruaunt, for whi, Lord, Y haue
 6 reisid my soule to thee. For thou, Lord, *art* swete and
 mylde; and of myche merci to alle men inwardli clepyng
 7 thee. Lord, perseyue thou my preier with eeris; and ȝyue
 8 thou tente to the vois of my bisechygng. In the dai of my
 tribulacioun Y criede to thee; for thou herdist me. Lord,
 noon among goddis is lijk thee; and noon is euene to thi
 9 werkis. Lord, alle folkis, whiche euere thou madist, schulen
 come, and worschipe bisore thee; and thei schulen glorifie
 10 thi name. For thou art ful greet, and makinge merueils;
 11 thou art God aloone. Lord, lede thou me forth in thi weie,
 and Y schal entre in thi treuthe; myn herte be glad, that
 12 it drede thi name. Mi Lord God, Y schal knoueleche to
 thee in al myn herte; and Y schal glorifie thi name with-
 13 outen ende. For thi merci is greet on me; and thou de-
 14 liueridist my soule fro the lower helle. God, wickid men
 han rise vp on me; and the synagoge of myȝti men han
 souȝt my lijf; and thei han not set forth thee in her siȝt.
 15 And thou, Lord God, doyng merci, and merciful; pacient,

16 and of myche merci, and sothefast. Biholde on me, and
 haue mercy on me, ȝyue thou the empire to thi child; and
 17 make thou saaf the sone of thin handmayden. Make thou
 with me a signe in good, that thei se, that haten me, and
 be aschamed; for thou, Lord, hast helpid me, and hast
 coumfortid me.

PSALM LXXXVI (LXXXVII).

1 *The title of the sixte and eizetithe salm. The salm
 of the song of the sones of Chore.*

2 THE foundementis therof *ben* in hooli hillis; the Lord
 loueth the ȝatis of Sion, more than alle the tabernaclis of
 3 Jacob. Thou citee of God, with-outen ende; gloriouse
 4 thingis ben seide of thee. I schal be myndeful of Raab,
 and Babiloyne; knowynge me. Lo! aliens, and Tyre, and
 5 the puple of Ethiopiens; thei weren there. Whether a man
 schal seie to Sion, And a man is born ther-ynne; and that
 6 man altherhijeste foundide it? The Lord schal telle in the
 scripturis of puplis; and of these princis, that weren ther
 7 ynne. As the dwellyng of alle that ben glad; is in thee.

PSALM LXXXVII (LXXXVIII).

1 *The title of the sevene and eizetithe salm. The song of salm,
 to the sones of Chore, to victorie on Mahalat, for to answer, the
 lernyng of Heman Ezraite.*

2 LORD God of myn helthe; Y criede in dai and nyȝt
 3 bifore thee. Mi preier entre bifore thi siȝt; bowe doun thin
 4 eere to my preier. For my soule is fillid with yuels; and my
 5 lijf neȝede to helle. I am gessid with hem that goon doun
 6 in to the lake; Y am maad as a man with-outen help, and fre
 among deed men. As men woundid slepinge in sepulcris, of
 whiche men noon is myndeful astir; and thei ben put awei

7 fro thin hond. Thei han put me in the lower lake ; in derke
 8 places, and in the schadewe of deth. Thi strong veniaunce
 9 is consermed on me ; and thou hast brouȝt in alle thi wawis
 10 on me. Thou hast maad fer fro me my knowun ; thei han
 11 set me abhomynacioun to hem sylf. I am takun, and Y ȝede
 12 to not out ; myn iȝen weren sijk for pouert. Lord, Y criede to
 13 thee ; al dai Y spredde abrood myn hondis to thee. Whethir
 14 thou schalt do merueils to deed men ; ether leechis schulen
 15 reise, and thei schulen knouleche to thee ? Whether ony
 16 man in sepulcre schal telle thi merci ; and thi treuthe in per-
 17 dicioun ? Whether thi merueilis schulen be knowun in derk-
 18 nessis ; and thi riȝtfulnesse in the lond of forȝetyng ? And,
 19 Lord, Y criede to thee ; and erli my preier schal bifor come
 20 to thee. Lord, whi puttist thou awei my preier ; turnest
 21 awei thi face fro me ? I am pore, and in trauelis fro my
 22 ȝongthe ; sotheli Y am enhaunsid, and Y am maad low, and
 23 disturblid. Thi wraththis passiden on me ; and thei dredis
 24 disturbilden me. Thei cumpassiden me as watir al dai ;
 25 thei cumpassiden me togidere. Thou madist fer fro me a
 26 frend and neȝbore ; and my knowun fro wretchidnesse.

PSALM LXXXVIII (LXXXIX).

1 *The title of the eiȝte and eiȝtetith salm. The lernyng of Ethan, Ezraite.*

2 I SCHAL synge with-outen ende ; the mercies of the Lord.
 3 In generacioun and in to generacioun ; Y schal telle thi
 4 treuthe with my mouth. For thou seidist, With-outen ende
 5 merci schal be bildid in heuenes ; thi treuthe schal be maad
 6 redi in tho. I disposeide a testament to my chosun men ; Y
 7 swoor to Dauid, my seruaunt, Til in to with-outen ende
 8 I schal make redi thi seed. And Y schal bilde thi seete ;
 9 in generacioun, and in to generacioun. Lord, heuenes

schulen knouleche thi merueilis; and thi treuthe in the
 chirche of seyntis. For who in the cloudis schal be maad
 euene to the Lord; schal be lijk God among the sones of
 God? God, which is glorified in the counsel of seyntis;
 is greet, and dredful ouere alle that ben in his cumpas.
 Lord God of vertues, who *is* lijk thee? Lord, thou art
 miȝti, and thi treuthe *is* in thi cumpas. Thou art Lord
 of the power of the see; forsothe thou aswagist the stiryng
 of the wawis therof. Thou madist lowe the proude, as
 woundid; in the arm of thi vertu thou hast scaterid thin
 enemyes. Heuenes ben thin, and erthe is thin; thou hast
 foundid the world, and the fulnesse therof; thou madist of
 nouȝt the north and the see. Thabor and Hermon schulen
 make ful out ioye in thi name; thin arm with power. Thin
 hond be maad stidefast, and thi riȝthond be enhaunsid; riȝt-
 fulnesse and doom *is* the makynge redy of thi seete. Merci
 and treuthe schulen go bifore thi face; blessid *is* the puple
 that kan hertli song. Lord, thei schulen go in the liȝt of
 thi cheer; and in thi name thei schulen make ful out ioye al-
 dai; and thei schulen be enhaunsid in thi riȝtfulnesse. For
 thou art the glorie of the vertu of hem; and in thi good
 plesaunce oure horn schal be enhaunsid. For oure takyng
 vp is of the Lord; and of the hooli of Israel oure kyng.
 Thanne thou spakist in reuelacioun to thi seyntis, and seidist,
 Y haue set help in the myȝti; and Y haue enhaunsid the
 chosun man of my puple. I foond Dauid, my seruaunt; Y
 anoyn tide hym with myn hooli oile. For myn hond schal
 helpe him; and myn arm schal conferme hym. The ene-
 mye schal no thing profite in him; and the sone of wickid-
 nesse schal not ley to, for to anoye him. And Y schal sle
 hise enemyes fro his face; and Y schal turne in to flȝt hem
 that haten hym. And my treuthe and mercy *schal be* with
 him: and his horn schal be enhaunsid in my name. And Y

schal sette his hond in the see; and his riȝt hoond in flodis.
 27 He schal inwardli clepe me, Thou art my fadir; my God, and
 28 the vptaker of myn heelthe. And Y schal sette him the
 29 firste gendrid sone; hijer than the kyngis of erthe. With-
 outen ende Y schal kepe my merci to hym; and my tes-
 30 tament feithful to him. And Y schal sette his seed in to the
 31 world of world; and his trone as the daies of heuene. For-
 sothe if hise sones forsaken my lawe; and goen not in my
 32 domes. If thei maken vnholli my riȝtfulnessis; and kepen
 33 not my comaundementis. I schal visite in a ȝerde the
 wickidnessis of hem; and in betyngis the synnes of hem.
 34 But Y schal not scatere my mercy fro hym; and in my
 35 treuthe Y schal not anoye hym. Nethir Y schal make
 vnholli my testament; and Y schal not make voide tho
 36 thingis that comen forth of my lippis. Onys Y swoor in myn
 37 hooli; Y schal not lie to Dauid, his seed schal dwelle with-
 38 outen ende. And his trone as sunne in my siȝt, and as
 a perfit mone with-outen ende; and a feithful witnesse in
 39 heuene. But thou hast put awei, and hast dispisid; and
 40 hast dilained thi crist. Thou hast turned awei the testament
 of thi seruaunt; thou madist vnholli his seytuarie in erthe.
 41 Thou distriedist alle the heggis therof; thou hast set the
 42 stidefastnesse therof drede. Alle men passynge bi the weie
 rauyschiden him; he is maad schenschipe to hise neiȝboris.
 43 Thou hast enhaunsid the riȝthond of men oppressinge him;
 44 thou hast gladdid alle hise enemyes. Thou hast turned awei
 the help of his swerd; and thou helpidist not hym in batel.
 45 Thou destriedist him fro clensing; and thou hast hurtlid
 46 doun his seete in erthe. Thou hast maad lesse the daies of
 47 his time; thou hast bisched him with schenschip. Lord, hou
 longe turnest thou awei in to the ende; schal thin ire brenne
 48 out as fier? Bithenke thou what is my substaunce; for
 whether thou hast ordeyned veynli alle the sones of men?

49 Who is a man, that schal lyue, and schal not se deth; schal
 50 delyuere his soule fro the hond of helle? Lord, where ben
 thin elde mercies; as thou hast swore to Dauid in thi
 51 treuthe? Lord, be thou myndeful of the schenschipe of thi
 seruauntis, of many hethene men; whiche Y helde togidere
 52 in my bosum. Whiche thin enemyes, Lord, diden schen-
 shipfuli; for thei dispisiden the chaungyng of thi crist.
 53 Blessid *be* the Lord with outen ende; be it don, be it
 don.

PSALM LXXXIX (XC).

1 *The title of the nyne and eiȝtetitthe salm. The preier of
 Moises, the man of God.*

LORD, thou art maad help to vs; fro generacioun in to
 2 generacioun. Bisore that hillis weren maad, ether the erthe
 and the world was formed; fro the world and in to the world
 3 thou art God. Turne thou not awei a man in to lownesse;
 4 and thou seidist, *þe* sones of men, be conuertid. For a
 thousynde *ȝeer* *ben* bisore thin *iȝen*; as *ȝistirdai*, which is
 5 passid, and as keping in the *niȝt*. The *ȝeris* of hem schulen
 6 be; that ben had for nouȝt. Eerli passe he, as an eerbe,
 eerli florische he, and passe; in the euentid falle he doun, be
 7 he hard, and wexe drie. For we han failid in thin ire; and
 8 we ben disturblid in thi strong veniaunce. Thou hast set
 oure wickidnessis in thi *siȝt*; oure world in the *liȝtning* of thi
 9 cheer. For alle oure daies han failid; and we han failid
 10 in thin ire. Oure *ȝeris* schulen bithenke, as an yreyn; the
 daies of oure *ȝeris* *ben* in tho seuenti *ȝeris*. Forsothe, if
 sourescoor *ȝeer* *ben* in myȝti men; and the more tyme of
 hem is trauel and sorewe. For myldenesse cam aboue;
 11 and we schulen be chastisid. Who knew the power of thin
 12 ire; and *durste* noumbre thin ire for thi drede? Make thi
 riȝthond so knowun; and *make* men lerned in herte bi wis-

13 dom. Lord, be thou conuertid sumdeel; and be thou able
 14 to be preied on thi seruauntis. We weren fillid eerli with thi
 merci; we maden ful out ioye, and we delitiden in alle oure
 15 daies. We weren glad for the daies in whiche thou madist
 16 vs meke; for the geeris in whiche we sizen yuels. Lord,
 biholde thou into thi seruauntis, and in to thi werkis; and
 17 dresse thou the sones of hem. And the schynynge of oure
 Lord God be on vs; and dresse thou the werkis of oure
 hondis on vs, and dresse thou the werk of oure hondis.

PSALM XC (XCI).

The nyntithe salm.

1 HE that dwellith in the help of the hiȝeste *God*; schal
 2 dwelle in the proteccioun of God of heuene. He schal
 seie to the Lord, Thou art myn vptaker, and my refuit; my
 3 God, Y schal hope in him. For he delyuered me fro the
 4 snare of hunteris; and fro a scharp word. With hise schul-
 dris he schal make schadowe to thee; and thou schalt haue
 5 hope vnder hise fetheris. His treuthe schal cumpasse thee
 6 with a scheld; thou schalt not drede of nyȝtis drede. Of an
 arowe fliyng in the dai, of a gobelyn goyng in derknessis;
 7 of asailing, and a myddai feend. A thousynde schulen falle
 doun fro thi side, and ten thousynde fro thi riȝtside; forsothe
 8 it schal not neiȝe to thee. Netheles thou schalt biholde with
 9 thin iȝen; and thou schalt se the ȝelding of synneris. For
 thou, Lord, art myn hope; thou hast set thin help alther-
 10 hiȝeste. Yuel schal not come to thee; and a scourge schal
 11 not neiȝe to thi tabernacle. For *God* hath comaundid to
 hise aungels of thee; that thei kepe thee in alle thi weies.
 12 Thei schulen beere thee in the hondis; leste perauenture
 13 thou hirte thi foot at a stoon. Thou schalt go on a snake,
 and a cocatrice; and thou schalt defoule a lioun and a dra-

14 goun. For he hopide in me, Y schal delyuere hym ; Y
15 schal defende him, for he knew my name. He criede to me,
and Y schal here him, Y am with him in tribulacioun ; Y
16 schal delyuere him, and Y schal glorifie hym. I schal fille
hym with the lengthe of daies ; and Y schal schewe myn
helthe to hym.

PSALM XCI (XCII).

*The title of the oon and nyntithe salm. The salm of
song, in the dai of sabath.*

2 It is good to knouleche to the Lord ; and to syngē to thi
3 name, thou hiȝeste. To schewe eerli thi merci ; and thi
4 treuthe bi nyȝt. In a sautrie of ten cordis ; with song
5 in harpe. For thou, Lord, hast delitid me in thi makyng ;
and Y schal make ful out ioye in the werkis of thin hondis.
6 Lord, thi werkis ben magnesied greetli ; thi thouȝtis ben
7 maad ful depe. An vnwise man schal not knowe ; and a
8 fool schal not vndirstonde these thingis. Whanne synneris
comen forth, as hey ; and alle thei apperen, that worchen
9 wickidnesse. That thei perische in to the world of world ;
10 forsothe thou, Lord, art the hiȝest, with-outen ende. For
lo ! Lord, thin enemyes, for lo ! thin enemyes schulen
perische ; and alle schulen be scaterid that worchen wickid-
11 nesse. And myn horn schal be reisid as an vnicorn ; and
12 myn eelde in plenteuouse merci. And myn iȝe dispiside myn
enemyes ; and whanne wickid men rysen aȝens me, myn eere
13 schal here. A iust man schal floure as a palm tree ; he
14 schal be multiplied as a cedre of Liban. Men plauntid in
the hous of the Lord ; schulen floure in the porchis of the
15 hous of oure God. ȝit thei schulen be multiplied in plen-
teuouse elde ; and thei schulen be suffryng wel. That thei
telle, that oure Lord God is riȝtful ; and no wickidnesse is in
hym.

PSALM XCII (XCIII).

The two and nyntithe salm.

1 THE Lord hath regned, he is clothid with fairnesse; the
 2 Lord is clothid with strengthe, and hath gird hym silf. For
 3 he made stidefast the world; that schal not be moued. God,
 thi seete was maad redi fro that tyme; thou art fro the
 world. Lord, the flodis han reisid; the flodis han reisid her
 vois. Flodis reisiden her wawis; of the voicis of many
 4 watri. The reisyngis of the see *ben* wondurful; the Lord
 5 *is* wondurful in hiȝe thingis. Thi witnessingis ben maad
 able to be bileued greetli; Lord, holynesse bicometh thin
 house, in to the lengthe of daies.

PSALM XCIII (XCIV).

The thre and nyntithe salm.

1 GOD *is* Lord of veniauncis; God of veniauncis dide freli.
 2 Be thou enhaunsid that demest the erthe; ȝelde thou ȝeld-
 3 inge to proude men. Lord, hou longe synneris; hou longe
 4 schulen synneris haue glorie? Thei schulen telle out, and
 schulen speke wickidnesse; alle men schulen speke that
 5 worchen vnriȝtfulness. Lord, thei han maad lowe thi puple;
 6 and thei han disesid thin eritage. Thei killiden a widowē and
 a comelyng; and thei han slain fadirles children and modir-
 7 les. And thei seiden, The Lord schal not se; and God of
 8 Jacob schal not vndurstonde. ȝe vnwise men in the puple,
 9 vndirstonde; and, ȝe foolis, lerne sum tyme. Schal not he
 here, that plauntide the eere; ethere biholdith not he, that
 10 made the iȝe? Schal not he repreue, that chastisith folkis;
 11 which techith man kunningyng? The Lord knowith the
 12 thouȝtis of men; that tho ben veyne. Blessid *is* the man,
 whom thou, Lord, hast lerned; and hast tauȝt him of thi

13 lawe. That thou aswage hym fro yuele daies ; til a diche be
 14 diggid to the synner. For the Lord schal not putte awei his
 15 puple ; and he schal not forsake his eritage. Til riȝtfulnesse
 be turned in to dom ; and who ben niȝ it, alle that ben
 16 of riȝtful herte. Who schal rise with me aȝens mysdoeris ;
 ether who schal stonde with me aȝens hem that worchen
 17 wickidnesse ? No but for the Lord helpide me ; alonest my
 18 soule hadde dwellid in helle. If Y seide, My foot was stirid ;
 19 Lord, thi merci helpide me. Aftir the multitude of my
 sorewis in myn herte ; thi coumfortis maden glad my soule.
 20 Whether the seete of wickidnesse cleueth to thee ; that
 21 makist trauel in comaundement ? Thei schulen take aȝens
 the soule of a iust man ; and thei schulen condempne inno-
 22 cent blood. And the Lord was maad to me in to refuyt ; and
 23 my God was maad in to the help of myn hope. And he
 schal ȝelde to hem the wickidnesse of hem ; and in the malice
 of hem he schal lese hem, oure Lord God schal lese hem.

PSALM XCIV (XCV).

The fourte and nyntyfthe salm.

1 COME ȝe, make we ful out ioie to the Lord ; hertli synge
 2 we to God, oure heelthe. Bisore occupie we his face in
 3 knowleching ; and hertli synge we to him in salmes. For
 God is a greet Lord, and a greet king aboue alle goddis ;
 4 for the Lord schal not putte awei his puple. For alle the
 endis of erthe ben in his hond ; and the hiȝnesses of hillis
 5 ben hise. For the see is his, and he made it ; and hise
 6 hondis formeden the drie lond. Come ȝe, herie we, and
 falle we doun bisore God, wepe we bisore the Lord that
 7 made vs ; for he is oure Lord God. And we ben the puple
 8 of his lesewe ; and the scheep of his hond. If ȝe han herd
 9 his vois to dai ; nyle ȝe make hard ȝoure hertis. As in the

terryng to wraththe ; bi the dai of temptacioun in desert.
 Where ȝoure fadris temptiden me ; thei preueden and sien
 10 my werkis. Fourti ȝeer I was offendid to this generacioun ;
 11 and Y seide, Euere thei erren in herte. And these men
 knewen not my weies ; to whiche Y swoor in myn ire, thei
 schulen not entre in to my reste.

PSALM XCV (XCVI).

The fyue and nyntihe psalm hath no title.

1 SINGE ȝe a newe song to the Lord; al erthe, synge ȝe
 2 to the Lord. Synge ȝe to the Lord, and blesse ȝe his
 3 name ; telle ȝe his heelthe fro dai in to dai. Telle ȝe his
 4 glorie among hethene men ; hise merueilis among alle
 5 ful myche ; he is ferdful aboue alle goddis. For alle the
 6 goddis of hethene men *ben* feendis ; but the Lord made
 7 heuenes. Knouleching and fairnesse *is* in his siȝt ; hooly-
 8 nesse and worthi doyng *is* in his halewing. ȝe cuntries of
 9 hethene men, brynge to the Lord, bringe ȝe glorye and
 10 onour to the Lord; bringe ȝe to the Lord glorie to hys
 name. Take ȝe sacrificis, and entre ȝe in to the hallis of
 11 hym ; herie ȝe the Lord in his hooli halle. Al erthe be
 12 moued of his face ; seie ȝe among hethene men, that the
 Lord hath regned. And he hath amendid the world, that
 schal not be moued ; he schal deme puplis in equite.
 13 Heuenes be glad, and the erthe make ful out ioye, the
 12 see and the fulnesse therof be moued togidere ; feeldis
 schulen make ioye, and alle thingis that ben in tho. Thanne
 alle the trees of wodis schulen make ful out ioye, for the
 13 face of the Lord, for he cometh ; for he cometh to deme
 the erthe. He schal deme the world in equite ; and puplis
 in his treuthe.

PSALM XCVI (XCVII).

The sixe and nyntithe salm.

1 THE Lord hath regned, the erthe make ful out ioye;
 2 many ilis be glad. Cloude and derknesse in his cumpas;
 3 riȝtfulnessesse and doom is amending of his seete. Fier schal
 go bifore him; and schal enflawme hise enemyes in cumpas.
 4 Hise leitis schyneden to the world; the erthe siȝt, and was
 5 moued. Hillis as wax fletiden doun fro the face of the
 6 Lord; al erthe fro the face of the Lord. Heuenes telden
 7 his riȝtfulnessesse; and alle puplis sien his glorie. Alle that
 worschipen sculptilis be schent, and thei that han glorie
 in her symelacris; alle ȝe aungels of the Lord, worshipe
 8 him. Sion herde, and was glad, and the douȝtris of Juda
 9 maden ful out ioye; for thi domes, Lord. For thou, Lord,
 art the hiȝeste on al erthe; thou art greetli enhaunsid ouere
 10 alle goddis. ȝe that louen the Lord, hate yuel; the Lord
 kepit the soulis of hise seyntis; he schal delyuer hem fro
 11 the hond of the synner. Liȝt is risun to the riȝtful man;
 12 and gladnesse to riȝtful men of herte. Juste men, be ȝe
 glad in the Lord; and knouleche ȝe to the mynde of his
 halewyng.

PSALM XCVII (XCVIII).

The seuen and nyntithe salm hath no title.

1 SINGE ȝe a newe song to the Lord; for he hath do
 merueils. His riȝt hond and his hooli arm; hath maad
 2 heelthe to hym. The Lord hath maad knowun his heelthe;
 in the siȝt of hethene men he hath schewid his riȝtfulnessesse.
 3 He bithouȝte on his merci; and on his treuthe, to the hous
 of Israel. Alle the endis of erthe; sien the heelthe of oure
 4 God. Al erthe, make ȝe hertli ioye to God; synge ȝe, and

5 make þe ful out ioye, and seie þe salm. Singe þe to the
 6 Lord in an harpe, in harpe and vois of salm ; in trumpis
 betun out with hamer, and in vois of a trumpe of horn.
 7 Hertli synge þe in the siȝt of the Lord, the king ; the sec
 and the fulnesse therof be moued ; the world, and thei
 8 that dwellen therynne. Flodis schulen make ioie with hond,
 togidere hillis schulen make ful out ioye, for siȝt of the
 9 Lord ; for he cometh to deme the erthe. He schal deme
 the world in riȝtfulnesse ; and puplis in equite.

PSALM XCVIII (XCIX).

The eizte and nyntithe salm.

1 THE Lord hath regned, puplis ben wrooth ; thou that
 2 sittist on cherubyn, the erthe be moued. The Lord *is*
 3 greet in Sion ; and hiȝ aboue alle puplis. Knouleche thei
 4 to thi greet name, for it is ferdful and hooli ; and the
 onour of the king loueth doom. Thou hast maad redi
 dressyngis ; thou hast maad doom and riȝtfulnesse in Jacob.
 5 Enhaunse þe oure Lord God ; and worschipe þe the stool of
 6 hise feet, for it is hooli. Moises and Aaron *weren* among
 hise preestis ; and Samuel *was* among hem that inwardli
 clepen his name. Thei inwardli clepiden the Lord, and
 7 he herde hem ; in a piler of cloude he spak to hem. Thei
 kepten hise witnessyngis ; and the comaundement which
 8 he ȝaf to hem. Oure Lord God, thou herdist hem ; God,
 thou were merciful to hem, and thou tokist veniaunce on
 9 al her syndyngis. Enhaunse þe oure Lord God, and wor-
 schipe þe in his hooli hil ; for oure Lord God *is* hooli.

PSALM XCIX (C).

- 1 *The titil of the nyne and nyntithe salm. A salm to knouleche; in Ebrew thus, A salm for knouleching.*
- 2 AL erthe, singe þe hertli to God; serue þe the Lord in
3 gladnesse. Entre þe in his siȝt; in ful out ioying. Wite
. þe, that the Lord hym silf is God; he made vs, and not
we maden vs. His puple, and the scheep of his lesewe,
4 entre þe in to hisse ȝatis in knoulechynge; *entre þe in to hisse*
5 porches, knouleche þe to him in ympnes. Herye þe his
name, for the Lord is swete, his merci is with-outen ende;
and his treuthe is in generacioun and in to generacioun.

PSALM C (CI).

- 1 *The titil of the hundred salm. The salm of Dauid.*

2 LORD, Y schal synge to thee; merci and doom. I schal
synge, and Y schal vndurstonde in a weie with out wem;
whanne thou schalt come to me. I ȝede perfili in the
innocence of myn herte; in the myddil of myn hous.
3 I settide not forth bisore myn iȝen an vniust thing; Y
4 hatide hem that maden trespassyngis. A schrewide herte
cleuede not to me; Y knewe not a wickid man bowynge
5 awei fro me. I pursuede hym; that bacbitide priueli his
neȝbore. With the proude iȝe and an herte vnable to be
6 fillid; Y eet not with this. Myn iȝen *weren* to the feithful
men of erthe, that thei sitte with me; he that ȝede in a weie
7 with out wem, mynystride to me. He that doith pride,
schal not dwelle in the myddil of myn hous; he that spekith
8 wickid thingis, seruede not in the siȝt of myn iȝen. In
the morutid Y killide alle the synners of erthe; that Y
schulde leese fro the citee of the Lord alle men worchyng
wickidnesse.

PSALM CI (CII).

- 1 *The title of the hundrid and o salm. The preier of a pore man, whanne he was angwished, and schedde out his speche before the Lord.*
- 2 LORD, here thou my preier; and my crie come to thee.
- 3 Turne not awei thi face fro me; in what euere dai Y am troblid, bowe doun thin eere to me. In what euere day
- 4 Y schal inwardli clepe thee; here thou me swiftli. For my daies han failid as smoke; and my boonus han dried vp as
- 5 critouns. I am smytun as hei, and myn herte dried vp; for
- 6 Y haue forȝete to eete my breed. Of the vois of my weilyng;
- 7 my boon cleuede to my fleische. I am maad lijk a pellican
- 8 of wildirnesse; Y am maad as a niȝt-crowe in an hous. I wakide; and Y am maad as a solitarie sparowe in the roof.
- 9 Al dai myn enemyes dispisiden me; and thei that preisiden
- 10 me sworen aȝens me. For Y eet aschis as breed; and Y
- 11 meddlide my drinke with weping. Fro the face of the ire
- 12 of thin indignacioun; for thou reisinge me hast hurtlid me
- 13 doun. Mi daies boweden awei as a schadewe; and Y
- 14 wexede drie as hei. But, Lord, thou dwellist with-outen
- ende; and thi memorial in generacioun and in to genera-
- 15 cioun. Lord, thou risinge vp schalt haue merci on Sion;
- for the tymē to haue merci therof cometh, for the tymē
- 16 cometh. For the stones therof plesiden thi seruauntis; and
- thei schulen haue merci on the lond therof. And, Lord,
- hethen men schulen drede thi name; and alle kingis of
- 17 erthe schulen drede thi glori. For the Lord hath bildid Sion;
- 18 and he schal be seen in his glorie. He bihelde on the
- preier of meke men; and he dispiside not the preier of hem.
- 19 Be these thingis writun in an othere generacioun; and the
- 20 puple that schal be maad schal preise the Lord. For he

bihelde fro his hiȝe hooli place ; the Lord lokide fro heuene
 21 in to erthe. For to here the weilingis of feterid men ; and
 22 for to vnbynde the sones of slayn men. That thei telle in
 Sion the name of the Lord ; and his preising in Jerusalem.
 23 In gaderinge togidere puplis in to oon ; and kingis, that thei
 24 serue the Lord. It answeride to hym in the weie of his
 25 vertu ; Telle thou to me the fewnesse of my daies. Aȝenclepe
 thou not me in the myddil of my daies ; thi ȝeris *ben* in
 26 generacioun and in to generacioun. Lord, thou foundidist
 the erthe in the bigynnyng ; and heuenes ben the werkis
 27 of thin hondis. Tho schulen perische, but thou dwellist
 perfithi ; and alle schulen wexe eelde as a clooth. And thou
 schalt chaunge hem as an hiling, and tho schulen be chaungid ;
 28 but thou art the same thi silf, and thi ȝeeris schulen not faile.
 29 The sones of thi seruauntis schulen dwelle ; and the seed
 of hem schal be dressid in to the world.

PSALM CII (CIII).

1 *The title of the hundred and secounde salm. Of Davud.*

Mi soule, blesse thou the Lord ; and alle thingis that ben
 2 with-yinne me, *blesse* his hooli name. Mi soule, blesse thou
 the Lord ; and nyle thou forȝete alle the ȝeldyngis of him.
 3 Which doith merci to alle thi wickidnessis ; which heelith
 4 alle thi sijknnessis. Which azenbieth thi lijf fro deth ; which
 5 corowneth thee in merci and merciful doyngis. Which fillith
 thi desijr in goodis ; thi ȝongthe schal be renulid as *the*
 6 ȝongthe of an egle. The Lord doyng mercies ; and doom
 7 to alle men suffringe wrong. He made hise weies knowun
 8 to Moises ; hise willis to the sones of Israel. The Lord *is*
 a merciful doer, and merciful in wille ; longe abidinge, and
 9 myche merciful. He schal not be wrooth with-outen ende ;
 10 and he schal not thretne with-outen ende. He dide not to

vs astir oure synnes ; nether he ȝeldide to vs astir oure
 11 wickidnessis. For bi the hiȝnesse of heuene fro erthe ; he
 12 made strong his merci on men dredyng hym. As myche
 as the eest is fer fro the west ; he made fer oure wickidnessis
 13 fro vs. As a fadir hath merci on sones, the Lord hadde
 14 merci on men dredyng him ; for he knewe oure makynge.
 15 He bithouȝte that we ben dust, a man *is* as hey ; his dai
 16 schal flowre out so as a flour of the feeld. For the spirit
 schal passe in hym, and schal not abide ; and schal no more
 17 knowe his place. But the merci of the Lord *is* fro with out
 bigynnyng, and til in to with outer ende ; on men dredinge
 18 hym. And his riȝtfulnessesse *is* in to the sones of sones ; to
 hem that kepen his testament. And ben myndesful of hise
 19 comaundementis ; to do tho. The Lord hath maad redi his
 seete in heuene ; and his rewme schal be lord of alle.
 20 Aungels of the Lord, blesse ȝe the Lord ; ȝe myȝti in vertu,
 21 doyng his word, to here the vois of hise wordis. Alle
 vertues of the Lord, blesse ȝe the Lord ; ȝe mynistris of
 22 hym that doen his wille. Alle werkis of the Lord, blesse ȝe
 the Lord, in ech place of his lordschipe ; my soule, blesse
 thou the Lord.

PSALM CIII (CIV).

The hundrid and thridde salm.

1 Mi soule, blesse thou the Lord; my Lord God, thou art
 magnyfied greetli. Thou hast clothid knouleching and fair-
 2 nesse ; and thou art clothid with liȝt, as with a cloth. And
 3 thou stretchist forth heuene as a skyn ; and thou hilist with
 watriss the hiȝer partis therof. Which settist a cloude thi
 4 stiying ; which goest on the fetheris of wyndis. Which
 makist spiritis thin aungels ; and thi mynistris brennyng
 5 fier. Which hast foundid the erthe on his stablenesse ; it
 6 schal not be bowid in to the world of world. The depthe

of watriis as a cloth is the clothing therof; watriis schulen
 7 stonde on hillis. Tho schulen fle fro thi blamynge; men
 8 schulen be aferd of the vois of thi thundur. Hillis stien vp,
 and feeldis goen doun; in to the place which thou hast
 9 foundid to tho. Thou hast set a terme, which tho schulen
 not passe; nether tho schulen be turned, for to hile the erthe.
 10 And thou sendist out wellis in grete valeis; watriis schulen
 11 passe bitwix the myddil of hillis. Alle the beestis of the feeld
 schulen drynke; wielde assis schulen abide in her thirst.
 12 Briddis of the eir schulen dwelle on tho; fro the myddis
 13 of stoonys thei schulen ȝyue voices. And thou moistist hillis
 of her hiȝer thingis; the erthe schal be fillid of the fruyt of
 14 thi werkis. And thou bringist forth hei to beestis; and
 eerbe to the seruyce of men. That thou bringe forth breed
 15 of the erthe; and that wiyn make glad the herte of men.

That he make glad the face with oile; and that breed make
 16 stidefast the herte of man. The trees of the feeld schulen be
 fillid, and the cedris of the Liban, whiche he plautide;
 17 sparewis schulen make nest there. The hous of the ger-
 18 faukun is the leeder of tho; hiȝe hillis *ben refute* to hertis;
 19 a stoon *is* refutt to irchouns. He made the moone in to
 20 tymes; the sunne knewe his goyng doun. Thou hast set
 derknessis, and nyȝt is maad; alle beestis of the wode
 21 schulen go ther ynne. Liouns whelpis rorynge for to
 22 rauysche; and to seke of God meete to hem silf. The
 sunne is risun, and tho *ben* gaderid togidere; and tho
 23 schulen be set in her couchis. A man schal go out to his
 24 werk; and to his worching, til to the euentid. Lord, thi
 werkis *ben* magnefiede ful myche, thou hast maad alle thingis
 25 in wisdom; the erthe is fillid with thi possessioun. This see
is greet and large to hondis; there *ben* crepinge beestis, of
 26 which is noon noumbre. Litil beestis with grete; schippis
 schulen passe there. This dragoun which thou hast formyd;

27 for to scorne hym. Alle thingis abiden of thee ; that thou
 28 ȝyue to hem meete in tyme. Whanne thou schalt ȝyue to
 hem, thei schulen gadere ; whanne thou schalt opene thin
 29 hond, alle thingis schulen be fillid with goodnesse. But
 whanne thou schalt turne awey the face, thei schulen be
 disturblid ; thou schalt take awei the spirit of them, and thei
 schulen faile ; and thei schulen turne aȝen in to her dust.
 30 Sende out thi spirit, and thei schulen be formed of the newe ;
 31 and thou schalt renule the face of the erthe. The glorie
 of the Lord be in to the world ; the Lord schal be glad in
 32 his werkis. Which biholdith the erthe, and makith it to
 33 tremble ; which touchith hillis, and tho smoken. I schal
 singe to the Lord in my lijf ; Y schal seie salm to my God,
 34 as longe as Y am. Mi speche be myrie to him ; forsothe
 35 Y schal delite in the Lord. Synneris faile fro the erthe, and
 wickid men faile, so that thei be not ; my soule, blesse thou
 the Lord.

PSALM CIV (CV).

The title of the hundred and fourthe salm. Alleluya.

1 KNOULECHE ȝe to the Lord, and inwardli clepe ȝe his
 2 name ; telle ȝe hise werkis among hethen men. Synge ȝe
 to hym, and seie ȝe salm to him, and telle ȝe alle hise
 3 merueylis ; be ȝe preisid in his hooli name. The herte of
 4 men sekynge the Lord be glad ; seke ȝe the Lord, and be
 5 ȝe confermed ; seke ȝe euere his face. Haue ȝe mynde
 on hise merueilis, whiche he dide ; on his grete wondris,
 6 and domes of his mouth. The seed of Abraham, his ser-
 7 uaunt ; the sones of Jacob, his chosun man. He is oure
 8 Lord God ; hise domes *ben* in al the erthe. He was
 myndeful of his testament in to the world ; of the word
 which he comaundide in to a thousynde generaciouns.
 9 Which he disposede to Abraham ; and of his ooth to

10 Isaac. And he ordeynede it to Jacob in to a comaunde-
 11 ment; and to Israel in to euerlastinge testament. And he
 12 seide, I shal ȝiue to thee the lond of Canaan; the cord
 13 of ȝoure eritage. Whanne thei weren in a litil noumbre;
 14 and the comelingis of hem weren ful fewe. And thei
 15 passiden fro folk in to folk; and fro a rewme in to ano-
 16 ther puple. He leste not a man to anoye hem; and he
 17 chastiside kyngis for hem. Nile ȝe touche my cristis; and
 18 nyle ȝe do wickidli among my prophetis. And *God* clepide
 19 hungir on erthe; and he wastide al the stidefastnesse of
 20 breed. He sente a man bisore hem; Joseph was seedl in
 21 to a seruaunt. Thei maden lowe hise feet in stockis, irun
 22 passide by his soule; til the word of him cam. The speche
 23 of the Lord enflawmede him; the king sente and vnbond
 24 hym; the prince of puplis *sente* and delyuerede him. He
 25 ordeynede him the lord of his hous; and the prince of al
 26 his possessiouun. That he schulde lerne hise princis as him
 27 silf; and that he schulde teche hise elde men prudence.
 28 And Israel entride in to Egipt; and Jacob was a comeling
 29 in the lond of Cham. And *God* encreesside his puple
 30 greethi; and made hym stidefast on hise enemyes. He
 31 turnede the herte of hem, that thei hatiden his puple; and
 32 diden gile ȝens hise seruauntis. He sent Moises, his ser-
 33 uaunt; thilke Aaron, whom he chees. He puttide in hem
 34 the wordis of hise myraclis; and of hise grete wondris in
 35 the lond of Cham. He sente derknessis, and made derk;
 36 and he made not bitter hise wordis. He turnede the watriis
 37 of hem in to blood; and he killide the fischis of hem.
 38 And the lond of hem ȝaf paddoks; in the priue places of
 39 the kyngis of hem. *God* seide, and a fleische flie cam; and
 40 gnattis in alle the coostis of hem. He settide her reynes
 41 hail; fier brennynge in the lond of hem. And he smoot
 42 the vynes of hem, and the fige-trees of hem; and al to-

34 brak the tree of the coostis of hem. He seide, and a
 locuste cam; and a bruk of which was noon noumbre.
 35 And it eet al the hey in the lond of hem; and it eet al
 36 the fruyt of the lond of hem. And he killide ech the
 firste gendrid thing in the lond of hem; the firste fruitis
 37 of alle the trauel of hem. And he ledde out hem with
 siluer and gold; and noon was sijk in the lynagis of hem.
 38 Egipt was glad in the goyng forth of hem; for the drede
 39 of hem lai on Egipcians. He spredde abrood a cloude,
 in to the hiling of hem; and fier, that it schynede to hem
 40 bi nyȝt. Thei axiden, and a curlew cam; and he fillide
 41 hem with the breed of heuene. He brak a stoon, and
 42 watrie flowiden; floodis ȝeden forth in the drye place. For
 he was myndeful of his hooli word; which he hadde to
 43 Abraham, his child. And he ledde out his puple in ful
 44 out ioyng; and hise chosun men in gladnesse. And he
 ȝaf to hem the cuntreis of hethen men; and thei hadden
 45 in possessioun the trauels of puplis. That thei kepe hise
 iustifyngis; and seke his lawe.

PSALM CV (CVI).

The title of the hundred and fiftie salm. Alleluya.

1 KNOULECHE ȝe to the Lord, for *he is* good; for his mercy
 2 is with-outen ende. Who schal speke the powers of the
 3 Lord; schal make knowun alle hise preisyngis? Blessid
 ben thei that kepen dom; and doon riȝfulness in al tyme.
 4 Lord, haue thou mynde on vs in the good plesaunce of
 5 thi puple; visite thou vs in thin heelthe. To se in the
 goodnessse of thi chosun men, to be glad in the gladnes
 6 of thi folk; that thou be heried with thin eritage. We han
 synned with oure fadris; we han do vniustli, we han do

7 wickidnesse. Oure fadris in Egipt vndirstoden not thi mer-
 ueils ; thei weren not myndesful of the multitude of thi merci.
 And thei stiynge in to the see, in to the reed see, terreden
 8 to wraththe ; and he sauede hem for his name, that he
 9 schulde make knowun his power. And he departide the
 reed see, and it was dried ; and he lede forth hem in the
 10 depthis of watriis as in deseert. And he sauede hem fro
 the hond of hateris ; and he aȝen-bouȝte hem fro the hond
 11 of the enemye. And the watir hilide men troublynge hem ;
 12 oon of hem abood not. And thei bileueden to hisse wordis ;
 13 and thei preisiden the heriynge of hym. Thei hadden soone
 do, thei forȝaten hise werkis ; and thei abididen not his
 14 councel. And thei couetiden couetise in deseert ; and
 15 temptiden God in a place with-out watir. And he ȝaf to
 hem the axyng of hem ; and he sente fulnesse in to the
 16 soulis of hem. And thei wraththiden Moyses in the cas-
 17 tels ; Aaron, the hooli of the Lord. The erthe was opened,
 and swolewid Datan ; and hilide on the congregacioun of
 18 Abiron. And fier brente an hiȝe in the synagoge of hem ;
 19 flawme brente synneris. And thei maden a calf in Oreb ;
 20 and worschipiden a ȝotun ymage. And thei chaungiden
 21 her glorie ; in to the liknesse of a calf etynge hei. Thei
 22 forȝaten God, that sauede hem, that dide grete werkis in
 Egipt, merueils in the lond of Cham ; feerful thingis in
 23 the reed see. And *God* seide, that he wolde leese hem ;
 if Moises, his chosun man, hadde not stonde in the brekyng
 of his siȝt. That he schulde turne awei his ire ; lest he
 24 loste hem. And thei hadden the desirable lond for nouȝt,
 25 thei bileueden not to his word, and thei grutchidien in her
 26 tabernaclis ; thei herden not the vois of the Lord. And
 he reiside his hond on hem ; to caste doun hem in deserf.
 27 And to caste awei her seed in naciouns ; and to leese hem
 28 in cuntreis. And thei maden sacrifice to Belfagor ; and

29 thei eeten the sacrificis of deed beestis. And thei wrath-
 thiden *God* in her fyndyngis; and fallyng was multiplied
 30 in hem. And Fynees stood, and pleeside *God*; and the
 31 veniaunce ceesside. And it was arrettid to hym to riȝt-
 fulnesse; in generacioun and in to generacioun, til in to
 32 with-outen ende. And thei wraththiden *God* at the watriis
 of aȝenseiyng; and Moises was trauelid for hem, for thei
 33 maden bittere his spirit, and he departide in his lippis.
 34 Thei losten not hethen men; whiche the Lord seide to
 35 hem. And thei weren meddliid among hethene men, and
 36 lerneden the werkis of hem, and serueden the grauen ymagis
 of hem; and it was maad to hem in to sclaundre. And
 37 thei offriden her sones; and her douȝtris to feendis. And
 38 thei schedden out innocent blood, the blood of her sones
 and of her douȝtris; whiche thei sacrificiden to the grauun
 39 ymagis of Chanaan. And the erthe was slayn in bloodis,
 and was defoulid in the werkis of hem; and thei diden
 40 fornicacioun in her fyndyngis. And the Lord was wrooth
 bi strong veniaunce aȝens his puple; and hadde abhomin-
 41 acioun of his eritage. And he bitook hem in to the
 hondis of hethene men; and thei that hatiden hem, weren
 42 lordis of hem. And her enemyes diden tribulacioun to
 hem, and thei weren mekid vndir the hondis of enemyes;
 43 ofte he delyuerede hem. But thei wraththiden hym in her
 counsel; and thei weren maad low in her wickidnessis.
 44 And he siȝe, whanne thei weren set in tribulacioun; and
 45 he herde the preyer of hem. And he was myndful of
 his testament; and it repenteid hym bi the multitude of
 46 his merci. And he ȝaf hem in to mercies; in the siȝt of
 47 alle men, that hadden take hem. Oure Lord God, make
 thou vs saaf; and gadere togidere vs fro naciouns. That
 we knouleche to thin hooli name; and haue glorie in thi
 48 preisyng. Blessid be the Lord God of Israel fro the world

and til in to the world; and al the puple schal seye, Be it don, be it don.

PSALM CVI (CVII).

The title of the hundred and sixte salm. Alleluya.

1 KNOULECHE *ȝe* to the Lord, for *he is* good; for his merci
 2 *is* in to the world. Sei thei, that ben *aȝen-bouȝt* of the Lord;
 whiche he *aȝen-bouȝte* fro the hond of the enemye, fro
 3 cuntreis he gaderide hem togidere. Fro the risyng of the
 sunne, and fro the goyng doun; fro the north, and fro the
 4 see. Thei erriden in wildirnesse, in a place with-out watir;
 5 thei founden not weie of the citee of dwellyng place. Thei
 6 *weren* hungry and thirsti; her soule failide in hem. And
 thei crieden to the Lord, whanne thei *weren* set in tribula-
 7 cioun; and he delyuerede hem fro her nedynesses. And he
 ledde forth hem in to the riȝt weie; that thei schulden go in
 8 to the citee of dwelling. The mercies of the Lord knouleche
 to hym; and hise merueilis *knouleche* to the sones of men.
 9 For he fillide a voide man; and he fillide with goodis an
 10 hungry man. *God delyucrede* men sittynge in derknessis,
 and in the schadowe of deth; and men prisoned in beggerye
 11 and in yrun. For thei maden bitter the spechis of God;
 12 and wraththiden the councel of the hiȝeste. And the herte
 of hem was maad meke in trauelis; and thei *weren* sijk, and
 13 noon was that helpide. And thei crieden to the Lord,
 whanne thei *weren* set in tribulacioun; and he delyuerede
 14 hem from her nedynessis. And he ledde hem out of derk-
 nessis, and schadowe of deth; and brak the boondis
 15 of hem. The mercies of the Lord knouleche to hym; and
 16 hise merueils *knouleche* to the sones of men. For he al
 17 to-brak brasun ȝatis; and he brak yrun barris. He vp-took
 hem fro the weie of her wickidnesse; for thei *weren* maad

18 lowe for her vniȝfulnesses. The soule of hem wlatide al
 19 mete: and thei neȝeden til to the ȝatis of deth. And thei
 crieden to the Lord, whanne thei weren set in tribulacioun;
 20 and he delyuerede hem fro her nedynessis. He sente his
 word, and heelide hem; and delyuerede hem fro the per-
 21 ischingis of hem. The mercies of the Lord knoueleche to
 22 hym; and hise merueils to the sones of men. And offre
 thei the sacrifice of heriyng; and telle thei hise werkis in ful
 23 out ioying. Thei that gon doun in to the see in schippis;
 24 and maken worching in many watriis. Thei sien the werkis
 25 of the Lord; and hise merueilis in the depthe. He seide,
 and the spirit of tempest stood; and the wawis therof weren
 26 arerid. Thei stien til to heuenes, and goen doun til to the
 27 depthis; the soule of hem failide in yuelis. Thei weren
 troblid, and thei weren moued as a drunkun man; and al
 28 the wisdom of hem was deuourid. And thei crierden to the
 Lord, whanne thei weren set in tribulacioun; and he ledde
 29 hem out of her nedynessis. And he ordeynede the tempest
 therof in to a soft wynde; and the wawis therof weren
 30 stille. And thei weren glad, for tho weren stille; and he
 31 ladde hem forth in to the hauene of her wille. 'The mercies
 of the Lord knoueleche to hym; and hise merueilis to the
 32 sones of men. And enhaunse thei him in the chirche of the
 33 puple; and preise thei him in the chaier of eldre men. He
 hath set floodis in to deseert; and the out-goingis of watriis
 34 in to thirst. *He hath set fruytful lond in to saltnesse;* for the
 35 malice of men dwellyng ther-yinne. He hath set deseert in
 to pondis of watriis; and erthe with-out watir in to out-
 36 goyngis of watriis. And he settide there hungri men; and
 37 thei maden a citee of dwelling. And thei sowiden feeldis,
 38 and plauntiden vynes; and maden fruyt of birthe. And
 he blesside hem, and thei weren multiplied greetli; and he
 39 made not lesse her werk-beestis. And thei weren maad

fewe ; and thei weren traelid of tribulacioun of yuelis and
 40 of sorewis. Strijf was sched out on princes ; and he
 made hem for to erre without the weie, and not in the weie.
 41 And he helpide the pore man fro pouert ; and settide
 42 meynees as a scheep *bringynge forth lambren*. Rijſful men
 schulen se, and schulen be glad ; and al wickidnesse schal
 43 stoppe his mouth. Who *is* wijs, and schal kepe these
 thingis ; and schal vndirstonde the mercies of the Lord ?

PSALM CVII (CVIII).

1 *The title of the hundrid and seuenthe salm. The song of
 the salm of Dauid.*

2 Min herte is redi, God, myn herte is redi ; Y schal singe,
 3 and Y schal seie salm in my glorie. My glorie, ryse thou vp,
 4 sautrie and harp, rise thou vp ; Y schal rise vp eerli. Lord,
 5 Y schal knouleche to thee among puplis ; and Y schal
 6 seie salm to thee among nacioouns. For whi, God, thi
 7 merci *is* greet on heuenes ; and thi treuthe *is* til to the
 8 cloudis. God, be thou enhaunsid aboue heuenes ; and thi
 9 glorie ouer al érthe. That thi derlingis be delyuerid, make
 10 thou saaf with thi rijthond, and here me ; God spak in his
 11 shooli. I schal make ful out ioye, and Y schal departe
 12 Siccimam ; and Y schal mete the grete valei of tabernaclis.
 13 Galaad is myn, and Manasses is myn ; and Effraym *is* the
 14 vptaking of myn heed. Juda *is* my king ; Moab *is* the
 15 caudron of myn hope. In to Ydume Y schal stretche forth
 16 my scho ; aliens ben maad frendis to me. Who schal lede
 17 me forth in to a stronge citee ; who schal lede me forth til in
 18 to Idume ? Whether not thou, God, that hast put vs awei ;
 19 and, God, schalt thou not go out in oure vertues ? ȝyue
 thou help to vs of tribulacioun ; for the hcelthe of man is

14 veyn. We schulen make vertu in God; and he schal bringe
oure enemyes to nouȝt.

PSALM CVIII (CIX).

1 *The title of the hundred and eis^tthe salm. To victorye, the
salm of David.*

2 Gon, holde thou not stille my preisyng; for the mouth of
3 the synner, and the mouth of the gilesful man is openyd on
me. Thei spaken aȝens me with a gilesful tungē, and thei
cumpassiden me with wordis of hatrede; and souȝten aȝens
4 me with-out cause. For that thing that thei schulden loue
5 me, thei baebitiden me; but Y preiede. And thei settiden
aȝens me yuclis for goodis; and hatrede for my loue.
6 Ordeyne thou a synner on him; and the deuel stonde on
7 his riȝt half. Whanne he is demed, go he out condempned;
8 and his preier be maad in to synne. Hise daies be maad
9 fewe; and another take his bischopriche. Hise sones be
10 maad faderles; and his wif a widewe. Hise sones trem-
blinge be born ouer, and begge; and be cast out of her
11 habitaciouns. An vsurere seke al his catel; and aliens
12 rauysche hise trauelis. Noon helpere be to him; nether
13 ony be that haue mercy on hise modirles children. Hise
sones be maad in to perisching; the name of him be don
14 awei in oon generacioun. The wickidnesse of hise fadris
come aȝen in to mynde in the siȝt of the Lord; and the
15 synne of his modir be not don awei. Be thei maad euere
aȝens the Lord; and the mynde of hem perische fro erthe.
16, 17 For that thing that he thouȝte not to do merci, and he
pursuede a pore man and beggere; and to slee a man com-
18 punct in herte. And he louede cursing, and it schal come
to hym; and he nolde blessing, and it schal be maad fer fro
him. And he clothide cursing as a cloth, and it entride as

water in to hisse ynnere thingis; and as oile in hise boonus.
 19 Be it maad to him as a cloth, with which he is hilyd; and as
 20 a girdil, with which he is euere gird. This is the werk of
 hem that bacbiten me anentis the Lord; and that speke
 21 yuels aȝens my lijf. And thou, Lord, Lord, do with me for
 22 thi name; for thi merci is swete. Delyuere thou me, for Y
 am nedie and pore; and myn herte is disturblid with ynne me.
 23 I am takun awei as a schadowe, whanne it bowith awei; and
 24 Y am schakun awei as locustis. Mi knees ben maad feble
 25 of fasting; and my fleische was chaungid for oile. And
 Y am maad schenschipe to hem; thei sien me, and moueden
 26 her heedis. Mi Lord God, helpe thou me; make thou me
 27 saaf bi thi merci. And thei schulen wite, that this is thin
 28 hond; and thou, Lord, hast do it. Thei schulen curse, and
 thou schalt blesse, thei that risen aȝens me, be schent; but
 29 thi seruaunt schal be glad. Thei that bacbiten me, be
 clothid with schame; and be thei hilid with her schenschipe
 30 as with a double cloth. I schal knoueleche to the Lord greetli
 with my mouth; and Y schal herie hym in the myddil of
 31 many men. Which stood nyȝ on the riȝt half of a pore man;
 to make saaf my soule fro pursueris.

PSALM CIX (CX).

I *The title of the hundred and nyntythe psalm. The psalm
of Davith.*

THE Lord seide to my Lord; Sitte thou on my riȝt side.
 1 Til Y putte thin enemyes; a stool of thi feft. The Lord
 schal sende out fro Syon the ȝerde of thi vertu; be thou
 3 lord in the myddis of thin enemyes. The bigynnyng is with
 thee in the dai of thi vertu, in the briȝtnessis of seytis;
 4 Y gendride thee of the wombe before the dai-sterre. The
 Lord swoor, and it schal not repente him; Thou art a preest

5 with-outen ende, bi the ordre of Melchisedech. The Lord
 on thi riȝt side ; hath broke kyngis in the dai of his ven-
 6 iaunce. He schal deme among naciouns, he schal fille
 fallyngis ; he schal schake heedis in the lond of many men.
 7 He dranke of the stronde in the weie ; therfor he enhaunside
 the heed.

PSALM CX (CXI).

The title of the hundred and tenth salm. Alleluya.

1 LORD, Y schal knouleche to thee in al myn herte ; in the
 2 counsel and congregacioun of iust men. The werkis of the
 3 Lord *ben* greete ; souȝt out in to alle hise willis. His werk
 4 is knoulechyng and grete doyng ; and his riȝtfulnesse dwellith
 5 in to the world of world. The Lord merciful in wille, and
 6 a merciful doere, hath maad a mynde of hise merueilis ; he
 7 hath ȝoue meete to men dredynge hym. He schal be
 8 myndeful of his testament in to the world ; he schal telle to
 9 his puple the vertu of hise werkis. That he ȝyue to hem the
 10 eritage of folkis ; the werkis of hise hondis *ben* treuthe and
 11 doom. Alle hise comaundementis *ben* feithful, consermed in
 12 to the world of world ; maad in treuthe and equite. The
 13 Lord sente redempcioun to hys puple ; he comaundide his
 14 testament with outen ende. His name is hooli and dreedful ;
 15 the bigynnnyng of wisdom is the drede of the Lord. Good
 16 vndirstondyng is to alle that doen it ; his preising dwellith in
 17 to the world of world.

PSALM CXI (CXII).

The title of the hundred and enleuenthe salm. Alleluya.

1 BLISSID is the man that dredith the Lord ; he schal wilne
 2 ful myche in hise comaundementis. His seed schal be myȝti
 3 in erthe ; the generacioun of riȝtful men schal be blessid.
 4 Glorie and richessis *ben* in his hous ; and his riȝtfulnesse

4 dwellith in to the world of world. Lit̄t is risun vp in
 derknessis to riȝtful men; *the Lord* is merciful in wille, and
 5 a merciful doere, and riȝtful. The man *is* merye, that doith
 6 merci, and leeneth; he dispositeth hise wordis in dom; for he
 7 schal not be moued with-outen ende. A iust man schal be
 in euerlastinge mynde; he schal not drede of an yuel heryng.
 8 His herte *is* redi for to hope in the Lord; his herte is
 consermed, he schal not be moued, til he dispise hise enemyes.
 9 He spredde abrood, he ȝaf to pore men; his riȝtwisnesse
 10 dwellith in to the world of world; his horn schal be reisid in
 glorie. A synner schal se, and schal be wrooth; he schal
 gnaste with hise teeth, and schal faile; the desijr of synneris
 schal perische.

PSALM CXII (CXIII).

The title of the hundred and twelfthe salm. Alleluya.

1 CHILDREN, preise ȝe the Lord; preise ȝe the name of the
 2 Lord. The name of the Lord be blessid; fro this tyme now
 3 and til in to the world. Fro the risyng of the sunne til to
 the goyng doun; the name of the Lord *is* worthi to be
 4 preisid. The Lord *is* hiȝ aboue alle folkis; and his glorie *is*
 5 aboue heuenes. Who *is* as oure Lord God, that dwellith in
 6 hize thingis; and biholdith meke thingis in heuene and in
 7 erthe? Reisynge a nedī man fro the erthe; and enhaunsinge
 8 a pore man fro drit. That he sette hym with princes; with
 9 the princes of his puple. Which makith a bareyn womman
 dwelle in the hous; a glad modir of sones.

PSALM CXIII (CXIV).

The titil of the hundred and thrittenthe salm. Alleluya.

1 In the goyng out of Israel fro Egipt; of the hous of Jacob
 2 fro the hethene puple. Judee was maad the halewyng of

3 hym ; Israel the power of hym. The see siȝ, and fledde ;
 4 Jordan was turned abac. Munteyns ful out ioyeden as
 5 rammes ; and litle hillis as the lambren of scheep. Thou
 see, what was to thee, for thou fleddist ; and thou, Jordan,
 6 for thou were turned abak ? Munteyns, ȝe maden ful out
 ioye as rammes ; and litle hillis, as the lambren of scheep.
 7 The erthe was moued fro the face of the Lord ; fro the face of
 8 God of Jacob. Which turnede a stoon in to pondis of watrie ;
 1 and an hard rooch in to wellis of watrie. (CXV.) Lord, not
 2 to vs, not to vs ; but ȝyue thou glorie to thi name. On thi
 merci and thi tretuhe ; lest ony tyme hethene men seien,
 3 Where is the God of hem ? Forsothe oure God in heuene ;
 4 dide alle thingis, whiche euere he wolde. The symulacris
 of hethene men *ben* siluer and gold ; the werkis of mennus
 5 hondis. Tho han mouth, and schulen not speke ; tho han
 6 iȝen, and schulen not se. Tho han eeris, and schulen not
 7 here ; tho han nose-thurls, and schulen not smelle. Tho
 han hondis, and schulen not grope ; tho han feet, and
 8 schulen not go ; tho schulen not crye in her throte. Thei
 that maken tho ben maad lijk tho ; and alle that triste in
 9 tho. The hous of Israel hopide in the Lord ; he is the
 10 helpere of hem, and the defendere of hem. The hous of
 Aaron hopide in the Lord ; he is the helpere of hem, and the
 11 defendere of hem. Thei that dreden the Lord, hopiden in
 the Lord ; he is the helpere of hem, and the defendere of
 12 hem. The Lord was myndeful of vs ; and blesside vs. He
 blesside the hous of Israel ; he blesside the hous of Aaron.
 13 He blesside alle men that dreden the Lord ; *he blesside* little
 14 men with the gretttere. The Lord encreesse on ȝou ; on ȝou
 15 and on ȝoure sones. Blessid be ȝe of the Lord ; that made
 16 heuene and erthe. Heuene of heuene *is* to the Lord ; but
 17 he ȝaf erthe to the sones of men. Lord, not deed men
 schulen herie thee ; nether alle men that goen doun in to

18 helle. But we that lyuen, blessem the Lord ; fro this tyme now and til in to the world.

PSALM CXIV (CXVI).

The titil of the hundred and fourtenthe salm. Alleluia.

1 I LOUEDE *the Lord* ; for the Lord schal here the vois of
 2 my preier. For he bowide doun his eere to me ; and Y
 3 schal inwardli clepe in my daies. The sorewis of deth
 4 cumpassiden me ; and the perelis of helle founden me. I
 5 soond tribulacioun and sorewe ; and Y clepide inwardli the
 6 name of the Lord. Thou, Lord, delyuere my soule ; the
 7 Lord *is* merciful, and iust ; and oure God doith merci. And
 8 the Lord kepith little children ; Y was mekid, and he de-
 9 lyuerede me. Mi soule, turne thou in to thi reste ; for the
 Lord hath do wel to thee. For he hath delyuered my soule
 fro deth ; myn iȝen fro wepingis, my feet fro fallyng doun.
 I schal plese the Lord ; in the cuntrei of hem that lyuen.

PSALM CXV (CXVI, *continued*).

The titil of the hundred and fiftenthe salm. Alleluya.

10 I BILEUEDE, for which thing Y spak ; forsoth Y was maad
 11 low ful myche. I seide in my passing ; Ech man *is* a lier.
 12 What schal Y ȝelde to the Lord ; for alle thingis which he
 13 ȝeldide to me ? I schal take the cuppe of heelthe ; and
 14 Y schal inwardli clepe the name of the Lord. I schal ȝelde
 15 my vowis to the Lord bisor al his puple ; the deth of seyntis
 16 of the Lord *is* precious in his siȝt. O ! Lord, for Y *am* thi
 seruant ; Y *am* thi seruaunt, and the sone of thi handmaide.
 17 Thou hast broke my bondys, to thee Y schal offre a sacrifice
 of heriying ; and Y schal inwardli clepe the name of the
 18 Lord. I schal ȝelde my vowis to the Lord, in the siȝt of al

19 his puple; in the porches of the hous of the Lord, in the myddil of thee, Jerusalem.

PSALM CXVI (CXVII).

The title of the hundred and sixtenthe salm. Alleluya.

1 ALLE hethen men, herie *ȝe* the Lord; alle puplis, herie *ȝe*
2 hym. For his merci is confermyd on vs; and the treuthe
of the Lord dwellith with-outen ende.

PSALM CXVII (CXVIII).

The titil of the hundred and seuententhe salm. Alleluia.

1 KNOULECHE *ȝe* to the Lord, for he is good; for his merci
2 *is* with-outen ende. Israel seie now, for he is good; for his
3 merci *is* with-outen ende. The hous of Aaron seie now;
4 for his merci *is* with-outen ende. Thei that dreden the
5 Lord, seie now; for his merci *is* with-outen ende. Of
tribulacioun Y inwardli clepide the Lord; and the Lord
6 herde me in largenesse. The Lord *is* an helpere to me;
7 Y schal not drede what a man schal do to me. The Lord
8 *is* an helpere to me; and Y schal dispise myn enemyes. It
is betere for to trist in the Lord; than for to triste in man.
9 It is betere for to hope in the Lord; than for to hope in
10 princes. Alle folkis cumpassiden me; and in the name of
11 the Lord *it bifelde*, for Y am auengide on hem. Thei
cumpassinge cumpassiden me; and in the name of the Lord,
12 for Y am auengid on hem. Thei cumpassiden me as been,
and thei brenten out as fier *doith* among thornes; and in the
13 name of the Lord, for Y am avengid on hem. I was hurlid,
and turnede vpsedoun, that Y schulde falle doun; and the
14 Lord took me vp. The Lord *is* my strengthe, and my
15 heryyng; and he is maad to me in to heelthe. The vois

of ful out ioyng and of heelthe; *be* in the tabernaclis of iust
 16 men. The riȝt hond of the Lord hath do vertu, the riȝt
 hond of the Lord enhaunside me; the riȝt hond of the Lord
 17 hath do vertu. I schal not die, but Y schal lyue; and Y
 18 schal telle the werkis of the Lord. The Lord chastisinge
 19 hath chastisid me; and he ȝaf not me to deth. Opene ȝe
 to me the ȝatis of riȝfulnessesse, and Y schal entre bi tho, and
 20 Y schal knouleche to the Lord; this ȝate *is* of the Lord, and
 21 iust men schulen entre bi it. I schal knouleche to thee, for
 22 thou herdist me; and art maad to me in to heelthe. The
 stoon which the bilderis repreueden; this is maad in to the
 23 heed of the corner. This thing is maad of the Lord; and it
 24 is wonderful bifore oure iȝen. This is the dai which the
 Lord made; make we ful out ioye, and be we glad ther
 25 ynne. O! Lord, make thou me saaf, O! Lord, make thou
 26 wel prosperite; blessid *is he* that cometh in the name of the
 27 Lord. We blessededen ȝou of the hous of the Lord; God *is*
 Lord, and hath ȝoue liȝt to vs. Ordeyne ȝe a solempne dai
 28 in thicke *puplis*; til to the horn of the auter. Thou art my
 God, and Y schal knouleche to thee; thou art my God, and
 Y schal enhaunse thee. I schal knouleche to thee, for thou
 29 herdist me; and thou art maad to me in to heelthe. Knou-
 leche ȝe to the Lord, for he is good; for his merci *is* with
 outen ende.

PSALM CXVIII (CXIX).

The titil of the hundred and eiztenthe salm. Alleluia.

Aleph.

1 BLESSID *ben* men with-out wem in the weie; that gon
 2 in the lawe of the Lord. Blessid *ben thei*, that seken hise
 3 witnessingis; seken him in al the herte. For thei that
 4 worchen wickidnesse; ȝeden not in hise weies. Thou hast

5 comaundid; that thin heestis be kept greely. I wolde that
 6 my weies be dressid; to kepe thi iustifyngis. Thanne Y
 schal not be schent; whanne Y schal biholde perfitli in alle
 7 thin heestis. I schal knouleche to thee in the dressing of
 herte; in that that Y lernyde the domes of thi riȝtfulnesse.
 8 I schal kepe thi iustifyngis; forsake thou not me on ech
 side.

Beth.

9 In what thing amendith a ȝong waxinge man his weie?
 10 in keping thi wordis. In al myn herte Y souȝte thee; putte
 11 thou me not awei fro thin heestis. In myn herte Y hidde thi
 12 spechis; that Y do not synne aȝens thee. Lord, thou art
 13 blesid; teche thou me thi iustifyngis. In my lippis Y haue
 14 pronounsid; alle the domes of thi mouth. I delitide in the
 15 weie of thi witnessingis; as in alle richessis. I schal be
 16 occupied in thin heestis; and Y schal biholde thi weies. I
 schal bithenke in thi iustifyngis; Y schal not forȝete thi
 wordis.

Gimel.

17 ȝelde to thi seruaunt; quiken thou me, and Y schal
 18 kepe thi wordis. Liȝtne thou myn iȝen; and Y schal
 19 biholde the merueils of thi lawe. I am a comeling in
 20 erthe; hide thou not thin heestis fro me. Mi soule coueitide
 21 to desire thi iustifyngis; in al tyme. Thou blamedist the
 proude; thei ben cursid, that bowen awei fro thin heestis.
 22 Do thou awei fro me schenschipe and dispising; for Y
 23 souȝte thi witnessingis. For whi princis saten, and spoken
 aȝens me; but thi seruaunt was exercisid in thi iustifyngis.
 24 For whi and thi witnessyngis is my thenkyng; and my
 counsel is thi iustifyngis.

Deleth.

25 Mi soule cleuede to the pawment; quykine thou me bi

26 thi word. I telde out my weies, and thou herdist me;
 27 teche thou me thi iustifyngis. Lerne thou me the weie
 of thi iustifyngis; and Y schal be exercisid in thi merueils.
 28 Mi soule nappide for anoye; conserme thou me in thi
 29 wordis. Remoue thou fro me the weie of wickidnesse; and
 30 in thi lawe haue thou merci on me. I chees the weie of
 31 treuthe; Y forȝat not thi domes. Lord, Y cleuede to thi
 32 witnessyngis; nyle thou schende me. I ran the weie of
 thi comaundementis; whanne thou alargidist myn herte.

He.

33 Lord, sette thou to me a lawe, the weie of thi iustifyngis;
 34 and Y schal seke it euere. ȝyue thou vndurstonding to me,
 and Y schal seke thi lawe; and Y schal kepe it in al myn
 35 herte. Lede me forth in the path of thin heestis; for Y
 36 wolde it. Bowe thou myn herte in to thi witnessingus;
 37 and not in to aueryce. Turne thou awei myn iȝen, that
 38 tho seen not vanyte; quykene thou me in thi weie. Or-
 39 deyne thi speche to thi seruaunt; in thi drede. Kitte awey
 my schenschip, which Y supposeide; for thi domes *ben* myrie.
 40 Lo! Y coueitide thi comaundementis; quikene thou me in
 thin equite.

Vau.

41 And, Lord, thi merci come on me; thin heelthe *come*
 42 bi thi speche. And Y schal answer a word to men seiynge
 43 schenschipe to me; for Y hopide in thi wordis. And take
 thou not awei fro my mouth the word of treuthe outerli; for
 44 Y hopide aboue in thi domes. And Y schal kepe thi lawe
 45 euere; in to the world, and in to the world of world. And Y
 46 ȝeide in largenesse; for Y souȝte thi comaundementis. And
 Y spak of thi witnessyngis in the *sijt* of kingis; and Y was
 47 not schent. And Y bithouȝte in thin heestis; whiche Y
 48 louede. And Y reiside myn hondis to thi comaundementis,

whiche Y louede; and Y schal be excercisid in thi iustifyngis.

Zai.

49 Lord, haue thou mynde on thi word to thi seruaunt; in
 50 which *word* thou hast ȝoue hope to me. This coumfortide
 51 me in my lownesse; for thi word quikenede me. Proude
 52 men diden wickidli bi alle thingis; but Y bowide not awei
 53 fro thi lawe. Lord, Y was myndeful on thi domes fro the
 54 world; and Y was coumfortid. Failing helde me; for
 55 synneris forsakinge thi lawe. Thi iustifyngis weren delit-
 able to me to be sungun; in the place of my pilgrimage.
 56 Lord, Y hadde mynde of thi name bi niȝt; and Y kepte thi
 lawe. This thing was maad to me; for Y souȝte thi iusti-
 fyngis.

Heth.

57, 58 Lord, my part; Y seide to kepe thi lawe. I bisouȝte
 thi face in al myn herte; haue thou merci on me bi thi
 59 speche. I bithouȝte my weies; and Y turnede my feet in to
 60 thi witnessyngis. I am redi, and Y am not disturblid; to
 61 kepe thi comaundementis. The coordis of synneris han
 62 biclippid me; and Y haue not forȝete thi lawe. At mydnyȝt
 Y roos to knouleche to thee; on the domes of thi iusti-
 63 fyngis. I am parcener of alle that dreden thee; and kepen
 64 thin heestis. Lord, the erthe is ful of thi merci; teche thou
 me thi iustifyngis.

Teth.

65 Lord, thou hast do goodnesse with thi seruaunt; bi thi
 66 word. Teche thou me goodnesse, and loore, and kunnynge;
 67 for Y bileuede to thin heestis. Bifor that Y was maad meke,
 68 Y trespasside; therfor Y kepte thi speche. Thou art good;
 69 and in thi goodnesse teche thou me thi iustifyngis. The
 wickidnesse of hem that ben proude, is multiplied on me;
 70 but in al myn herte Y schal seke thin heestis. The herte of

71 hem is cruddid as mylk; but Y bithouȝte thi lawe. It is
 good to me, that thou hast maad me meke; that Y lerne thi
 72 iustifyngis. The lawe of thi mouth is betere to me; than
 thousyndis of gold and of siluer.

Joth.

73 Thin hondis maden me, and fourmeden me; ȝyue thou
 74 vndurstondyng to me, that Y lerne thin heestis. Thei that
 dreden thee schulen se me, and schulen be glad; for Y
 75 hopide more on thi wordis. Lord, Y knewe, that thi domes
 76 *ben* equite; and in thi treuth thou hast maad me meke. Thi
 merci be maad, that it coumforte me; bi thi speche to thi
 77 seruaunt. Thi merciful doyngis come to me, and Y schal
 78 lyue; for thi lawe is my thenkyng. Thei that ben proude be
 schent, for vniustli thei diden wickidnesse ȝens me; but Y
 79 schal be exercisid in thin heestis. Thei that dreden thee be
 80 turned to me; and thei that knowen thi witnessyngis. Myn
 herte be maad vnwemmed in thi iustifyngis; that Y be not
 schent.

Caf.

81 Mi soule failide in to thin helthe; and Y hopide more on
 82 thi word. Myn ȝen failiden in to thi speche; seiynge,
 83 Whanne schalt thou coumforte me? For Y am maad as
 84 a bowge in frost; Y haue not forȝete thi iustifyngis. Hou
 many ben the daies of thi seruaunt; whanne thou schalt
 85 make doom of hem that pursuen me? Wickid men telden
 86 to me ianglyngis; but not as thi lawe. Alle thi comaundementis
 ben treuthe; wickid men han pursued me, helpe thou
 87 me. Almeest thei endiden me in erthe; but I forsook not
 88 thi comaundementis. Bi thi mersi quikene thou me; and Y
 schal kepe the witnessingis of thi mouth.

Lameth.

89 Lord, thi word dwellith in heuene; with-outen ende.
 90 Thi treuthe *dwellith* in generacioun, and in to generacioun;
 91 thou hast foundid the erthe, and it dwellith. The dai lastith
 contynueli bi thi ordynaunce; for alle thingis seruen to thee.
 92 No but that thi lawe was my thenking; thanne perauenture
 93 Y hadde perischid in my lownesse. With-outen ende Y
 schal not forȝete thi iustifyngis; for in tho thou hast
 94 quikened me. I am thin, make thou me saaf; for Y haue
 95 souȝt thi iustifyngis. Synneris aboden me, for to leese me;
 96 Y vndurstood thi witnessingis. I siȝ the ende of al ende; thi
 comaundement *is* ful large.

Men.

97 Lord, hou louede Y thi lawe; al dai it is my thenking.
 98 Aboue myn enemyes thou madist me prudent bi thi co-
 99 maundement; for it is to me with-outen ende. I vndur-
 stood aboue alle men techinge me; for thi witnessingis is
 100 my thenking. I vndirstood aboue eelde men; for Y souȝte
 101 thi comaundementis. I forbeed my feet fro al euel weie;
 102 that Y kepe thi wordis. I bowide not fro thi domes; for
 103 thou hast set lawe to me. Thi spechis ben ful swete to
 104 my cheekis; aboue hony to my mouth. I vnderstood of
 thin heestis; therfor Y hatide al the weie of wickidnesse.

Nun.

105 Thi word *is* a lanterne to my feet; and liȝt to my pathis.
 106 I swoor, and purposide stedefastli; to kepe the domes of
 107 thi riȝtfulnesse. I am maad low bi alle thingis; Lord,
 108 quykene thou me bi thi word. Lord, make thou wel
 plesinge the wilful thingis of my mouth; and teche thou
 109 me thi domes. Mi soule *is* euere in myn hondis; and
 110 Y forȝat not thi lawe. Synneris settiden a snare to me;

111 and Y erride not fro thi comaundementis. I purchasside
 thi witnessyngis bi eritage with-outen ende; for tho ben
 112 the ful ioyng of myn herte. I bowide myn herte to do
 thi iustifiyngis with-outen ende; for reward.

Sameth.

113, 114 I hatide wickid men; and Y louede thi lawe. Thou
 art myn helpere, and my taker vp; and Y hopide more
 115 on thi word. 3e wickide men, bowe awei fro me; and
 116 Y schal seke the comaundementis of my God. Vp-take
 thou me bi thi word, and Y schal lyue; and schende thou
 117 not me fro myn abydyng. Helpe thou me, and Y schal
 be saaf; and Y schal bithenke euere in thi iustifiyngis.
 118 Thou hast forsake alle men goynge awey fro thi domes;
 119 for the thouȝt of hem is vniust. I arettide alle the syn-
 neris of erthe brekeris of the lawe; therfor Y louede thi
 120 witnessyngis. Naile thou my fleischis with thi drede; for
 Y dredde of thi domes.

Ayn.

121 I dide doom and riȝtwisnesse; bitake thou not me to
 122 hem that falsli chalengen me. Take vp thi seruaunt in
 123 to goodnesse; thei that ben proude chalenge not me. Myn
 iȝen sailiden in to thin helthe; and in to the speche of thi
 124 riȝtsulnesse. Do thou with thi seruaunt bi thi merci; and
 125 teche thou me thi iustifiyngis. I am thi seruaunt, ȝyue
 thou vndurstondyng to me; that Y kunne thi witnessingis.
 126, 127 Lord, it is tyme to do; thei han distried thi lawe. Ther-
 for Y louede thi comaundementis; more than gold and
 128 topazion. Thersor Y was dressid to alle thin heestis; Y
 hatide al wickid weie.

Phee.

129 Lord, thi witnessingis *ben* wondirful; therfor my soule

130 souȝte tho. Declaring of thi wordis liȝteth; and ȝyueth
 131 vnderstanding to meke men. I openede my mouth, and
 132 drouȝ the spirit; for Y desiride thi comaundementis. Bi-
 holde thou on me, and haue merci on me; bi the dom
 133 of hem that louen thi name. Dresse thou my goyingis
 bi thi speche; that al vnriȝtfulnesse haue not lordschip on
 134 me. Aȝeyn-bie thou me fro the false chalengis of men;
 135 that Y kepe thin heestis. Liȝtne thi face on thi seruaunt;
 136 and teche thou me thi iustifyngis. Myn iȝen ledden forth
 the outgoynges of watriis; for thei kepten not thi lawe.

Sade.

137, 138 Lord, thou art iust; and thi dom is riȝtful. Thou hast
 comaundid riȝtfulnesse, thi witnessingis; and thi treuthe
 139 greetli *to be kept*. Mi feruent loue made me to be meltid;
 140 for myn enemys forȝaten thi wordis. Thi speche is greetli
 141 enflawmed; and thi seruaunt louede it. I am ȝong, and
 142 dispisid; Y forȝat not thi iustifyngis. Lord, thi riȝtfulnesse
 is riȝtfulnesse with-outen ende; and thi lawe is treuthe.
 143 Tribulacioun and angwische founden me; thin heestis is
 144 my thenking. Thi witnessyngis is equite with-outen ende;
 ȝyue thou vndirstondyng to me, and Y schal lyue.

Cof.

145 I criede in al myn herte, Lord, here thou me; and Y
 146 schal seke thi iustifyngis. I criede to thee, make thou
 147 me saaf; that Y kepe thi comaundementis. I bisor cam
 in ripenesse, and Y criede; Y hopide aboue on thi wordis.
 148 Myn iȝen bisor camen to thee ful eerli; that Y schulde
 149 bithenke thi speeches. Lord, here thou my vois bi thi
 150 merci; and quykene thou me bi thi doom. Thei that
 pursuen me neȝden to wickidnesse; forsothe thei ben maad
 151 fer fro thi lawe. Lord, thou art nyȝ; and alle thi weies

152 *ben* treuthe. In the bigynnyng Y knewe of thi witnessingis; for thou hast foundid tho with-outen ende.

Res.

153 Se thou my mckenesse, and delyuere thou me; for Y
 154 forȝat not thi lawe. Deme thou my dom, and aȝenbie thou
 155 me; quikene thou me for thi speche. Heelthe *is* fer fro
 156 synners; for thei souȝten not thi iustifiyngis. Lord, thi
 157 mercies *ben* manye; quykene thou me bi thi dom. *Thei*
ben manye that pursuen me, and doen tribulacioun to me;
 158 Y bowide not awei fro thi witnessingis. I siȝ breakers of
 the lawe, and Y was meltid; for thei kepten not thi spechis.
 159 Lord, se thou, for Y louede thi comaundementis; quikene
 160 thou me in thi merci. The bigynnyng of thi wordis *is*
 treuthe; alle the domes of thi riȝtwisnesse *ben* with-outen
 ende.

Sin.

161 Princes pursueden me with-outen cause; and my herte
 162 dredde of thi wordis. I schal be glad on thi spechis; as
 163 he that fyndith many spuylis. I hatide and wlatide wickid-
 164 nesse; forsothe Y louede thi lawe. I seide heriyngis to
 thee seuene sithis in the dai; on the domes of thi riȝtful-
 165 nesse. Miche pees *is* to hem that louen thi lawe; and
 166 no sclaundir is to hem. Lord, Y abood thin heelthe; and
 167 Y louede thin heestis. Mi soule kepte thi witnessyngis;
 168 and louede tho greetli. I kepte thi comaundementis, and
 thi witnessingis; for alle my weies *ben* in thi siȝt.

Tau.

169 Lord, my biseching come niȝ in thi siȝt; bi thi speche
 170 ȝyue thou vndurstonding to me. Myn axing entre in thi
 171 siȝt; bi thi speche delyuere thou me. Mi lippis schulen
 telle out an ympne; whanne thou hast tauȝte me thi iusti-

172 fiyngis. Mi tungē schal pronounce thi speche; for whi
 173 alle thi comaundementis *ben* equite. Thin hond be maad,
 174 that it saue me; for Y haue chose thin heestis. Lord, Y
 175 coueitide thin heelthe; and thi lawe is my thenking. Mi
 soule schal lyue, and schal herie thee; and thi domes
 176 schulen helpe me. I erride as a scheep that perischide;
 Lord, seke thi seruaunt, for Y forȝat not thi comaundementis.

PSALM CXIX (CXX.)

1 *The title of the hundred and nyntenthe salm.*
 The song of greces.

WHANNE Y was set in tribulacioun, Y criede to the Lord;
 2 and he herde me. Lord, delyuere thou my soule fro wickid
 3 lippis; and fro a gileful tunge. What schal be ȝouun to
 thee, ether what schal be leid to thee; to a gileful tunge?
 4 Scharpe arowis of the myȝti; with colis that maken de-
 5 solat. Allas to me! for my dwelling in an alien lond is
 6 maad long, Y dwellide with men dwellinge in Cedar; my
 7 soule was myche a comelyng. I was pesible with hem
 that hatiden pees; whanne Y spak to hem, thei ȝenseiden
 me with-outen cause.

PSALM CXX (CXXI.)

1 *The title of the hundred and twentithe salm.*
 The song of greces.

I REISIDE myn iȝen to the hillis; fro whannus help schal
 2 come to me. Myn help *is* of the Lord; that made heuene
 3 and erthe. *The Lord* ȝyue not thi foot in to mouyng;
 4 nether he nappe, that kepith thee. Lo! he schal not nappe,
 5 nether slepe; that kepith Israel. The Lord kepith thee;

6 the Lord is thi proteccioun aboue thi riȝthond. The sunne
 schal not brenne thee bi dai; nether the moone bi nyȝt.
 7 The Lord kepe thee fro al yuel; the Lord kepe thi soule.
 8 The Lord kepe thi goyng in and thi goyng out; fro this
 tyme now and in to the world.

PSALM CXXI (CXXII).

1 *The title of the hundred and oon and twentithe salm.*
 The song of grecis of Dauid.

I AM glad in these thingis, that ben seid to me; We
 2 schulen go in to the hous of the Lord. Oure feet weren
 3 stondynge; in thi hallis, thou Jerusalem. Jerusalem, which
 4 is bildid as a citee; whos part taking therof is in to the
 same thing. For the lynagis, the lynagis of the Lord stieden
 thidir, the witnessing of Israel; to knouleche to the name
 5 of the Lord. For thei saten there on seetis in doom; seetis
 6 on the hous of Dauid. Preie ȝe tho thingis, that ben to
 the pees of Jerusalem; and abundaunce be to hem that
 7 louen thee. Pees be maad in thi vertu; and abundaunce
 8 in thi touris. For my britheren and my neȝboris; Y spak
 9 pees of thee. For the hous of oure Lord God; Y souȝte
 goodis to thec.

PSALM CXXII (CXXIII).

1 *The title of the hundred and two and twentithe salm. The*
 song of grecis.

To thee Y haue reisid myn iȝen; that dwellist in heuenes.
 2 Lo! as the iȝen of seruauntis; *ben* in the hondis of her lordis.
 As the iȝen of the handmaide *ben* in the hondis of her ladi;
 so oure iȝen *ben* to oure Lord God, til he haue mercy on vs.
 3 Lord, haue thou merci on vs, haue thou merci on vs; for we

*4 ben myche filid with dispisyng. For oure soule is myche
fillid; we ben schenschipe to hem that ben abundaunte with
richessis, and dispising to proude men.*

PSALM CXXIII (CXXIV).

*1 The title of the hundrid and thre and twentithe salm.
The song of grecis of Dauith.*

*2 ISRAEL seie now, No but for the Lord was in vs; no but
for the Lord was in vs. Whanne men risiden vp azens vs;
3 in hap thei hadden swalewid vs quike. Whanne the wood-
4 nesse of hem was wrooth azens vs; in hap watir hadde sope
5 vs vp. Oure soule passide thoruz a stronde; in hap oure
6 soule hadde passide thoruz a watir vnsuffrable. Blessid be
7 the Lord; that ȝaf not vs in taking to the teeth of hem. Oure
soule, as a sparowe, is delyuered; fro the snare of hunters.
8 The snare is al to-brokun; and we ben delyuered. Oure
helpe is in the name of the Lord; that made heuene and
erthe.*

PSALM CXXIV (CXXV).

*1 The title of the hundrid and foure and twentithe salm.
The song of greces.*

*THEI that tristen in the Lord *ben* as the hil of Syon;
2 he schal not be moued with-outen ende, that dwellith in
Jerusalem. Hillis *ben* in the cumpas of it, and the Lord
is in the cumpas of his puple; fro this tyme now and in
3 to the world. For the Lord schal not leeue the ȝerde of
synneris on the part of iust men; that iust men holde not
4 forth her hondis to wickidnesse. Lord, do thou wel; to
5 good men, and of riȝtful herte. But the Lord schal lede
them that bowen in to obligaciouns, with hem that worchen
wickidnesse; pees *be* on Israel.*

PSALM CXXV (CXXVI).

- 1 *The title of the hundrid and syue and twentithe salm.*
The song of grecis.

WHANNE the Lord turnede the caitiste of Sion ; we weren
 2 maad as coumfortid. Thanne oure mouth was fillid with
 ioye ; and oure tunge with ful out ioiyng. Thanne thei
 schulen seie among hethene men ; The Lord magnesiede
 3 to do with hem. The Lord magnesiede to do with vs ; we
 4 ben maad glad. Lord, turne thou oure caitiste ; as a stronde
 5 in the south. Thei that sownen in teeris ; schulen repe in ful
 6 out ioiyng. Thei goynge zeden, and wepten ; sendynge her
 seedis. But thei comynge schulen come with ful out ioiyng ;
 berynge her handfullis.

PSALM CXXVI (CXXVII).

- 1 *The title of the hundrid and sixe and twentithe salm.*
The song of greces of Salomon.

No but the Lord bilde the hous ; thei that bilden it han
 truelid in veyn. No but the Lord kepith the citee ; he
 2 wakith in veyn that kepith it. It is veyn to þou to rise
 bisore the liȝt ; rise ȝe after that ȝe han sete, that eten the
 breed of sorewe. Whanne he schal ȝyue sleep to his loued ;
 3 lo ! the eritage of the Lord *is* sones, the mede *is* the fruyt of
 4 wombe. As arowis *ben* in the hond of the miȝti ; so the
 5 sones of hem that ben schakun out. Blessid *is* the man, that
 hath fillid his desier of tho ; he schal not be schent, whanne
 he schal speke to his enemyes in the ȝate.

PSALM CXXVII (CXXVIII).

- 1 *The title of the hundred and sevene and twentithe salm.*
 The song of greces.

BLESSID *ben* alle men, that dreden the Lord; that gon in
 2 hise weies. For thou schalt ete the trauels of thin hondis;
 3 thou art blessid, and it schal be wel to thee. Thi wijf as a
 plenteous vyne; in the sidis of thin hous. Thi sones as the
 newe sprengeſ of olyue-trees; in the cumpas of thi bord.
 4 Lo! so a man schal be blessid; that dredith the Lord.
 5 The Lord blesse thee fro Syon; and se thou the goodis of
 6 Jerusalem in alle the daies of thi lijf. And se thou the sones
 of thi sones; *se thou* pees on Israel.

PSALM CXXVIII (CXXIX).

- 1 *The title of the hundred and eiȝte and twentithe salm.*
 The song of greces.

ISRAEL seie now; Oſte thei ſouȝten aȝens me fro my
 2 ȝongth. Oſte thei ſouȝten aȝens me fro my ȝongthe; and
 3 sotheli thei miȝten not to me. Synneris forgeden on my
 4 bak; thei maden long her wickidnesse. The iust Lord
 5 ſchal beete the nollis of synneris; alle that haten Sion be
 6 ſchent, and turned abak. Be thei maad as the hey of hous-
 7 coppis; that drieđe vp, biſore that it be drawun vp. Of
 which hei he that ſchal repe, ſchal not fille his hond; and he
 8 that ſchal gadere hondfullis, *ſchal not fille* his bosum. And
 thei that paſſiden forth ſeiden not, The blessing of the Lord
 be on ȝou; we bleſſiden ȝou in the name of the Lord.

PSALM CXXIX (CXXX).

- ¹ *The title of the hundrid and nyne and twentithe salm.
The song of greces.*

LORD, Y criede to thee fro depthes; Lord, here thou mi
vois. Thin eeris be maad ententif; in to the vois of my
biseching. Lord, if thou kepit wickidnessis; Lord, who
schal susteyne? For merci is at thee; and, Lord, for thi
lawe Y abood thee. Mi soule susteynede in his word; my
soule hopide in the Lord. Fro the morewtid keping til to
niȝt; Israel hope in the Lord. For whi merci is at the Lord;
and plenteous redempcioun is at hym. And he schal aȝen-
bie Israel; fro alle the wickidnessis therof.

PSALM CXXX (CXXXI).

- ¹ *The title of the hundrid and thrittithe salm. The song of
greces, to Dauith himself.*

LORD, myn herte is not enhaunsid; nether myn iȝen ben
reisid. Nether Y ȝede in the grete thingis; nether in mer-
ueilis aboue me. If Y feelide not mekely; but enhaunside
my soule. As a childe wenyde on his modir; so ȝelding be
in my soule. Israel hope in the Lord; fro this tyme now
and in to the world.

PSALM CXXXI (CXXXII).

- ¹ *The title of the hundrid and oon and thrittithe salm.
The song of greces.*

LORD, haue thou mynde on Dauid; and of al his mylde-
nesse. As he swoor to the Lord; he made a vowe to God
of Jacob. I schal not entre in to the tabernacle of myn hous;

4 Y schal not stie in to the bed of mi restyng. I schal not
 5 syue sleep to myn iȝen ; and napping to myn iȝe-liddis.
 5 And rest to my templis, til Y fynde a place to the Lord ;
 6 a tabernacle to God of Jacob. Lo ! we herden that *ark of*
testament in Effrata, *that is, in Silo*; we founden it in the
 7 feeldis of the wode. We schulen entre in to the tabernacle
 of hym ; we schulen worshipe in the place, where hise feet
 8 stoden. Lord, rise thou in to thi reste ; thou and the ark of
 9 thin halewing. Thi prestis be clothid with riȝtfulnesse ; and
 10 thi seyntis make ful out ioye. For Dauid, thi seruaunt ;
 11 turne thou not awei the face of thi crist. The Lord swoor
 treuthe to Dauid, and he schal not make hym veyn ; of the
 12 fruyt of thi wombe Y schal sette on thi seete. If thi sones
 schulen kepe my testament ; and my witnessingis, these
 whiche Y schal teche hem. And the sones of hem til in to
 13 the world ; thei schulen sette on thi seete. For the Lord
 14 chees Sion ; he chees it in to dwelling to hym silf. This *is*
 my reste in to the world of world ; Y schal dwelle here, for Y
 15 chees it. I blesynge schal blesse the widewe of it ; Y schal
 16 fille with looues the pore men of it. I schal clothe with
 heelthe the preestis therof ; and the hooli men therof schulen
 17 make ful out ioye in ful reioisinge. Thidir Y schal bringe
 forth the horn of Dauid ; Y made redi a lanterne to my crist.
 18 I schal clothe hise enemyes with schame ; but myn halewing
 schal floure out on hym.

PSALM CXXXII (CXXXIII).

1 *The title of the hundred and two and thrittyle salmon.*
 The song of grecis.

Lo ! hou good and hou myrie *it is* ; that britheren dwelle
 2 togidere. As oynament in the heed ; that goith doun in to
 the beerd, in to the beerd of Aaron. That goith doun in to

3 the coler of his cloth ; as the dew of Ermon, that goith doun
in to the hil of Sion. For there the Lord sente blessing ;
and lisy til in to the world.

PSALM CXXXIII (CXXXIV).

1 *The title of the hundrid and thre and thrittis the salm.
The song of greces.*

Lo! now blesse þe the Lord ; alle the seruauntis of the
Lord. Þe that stonden in the hous of the Lord ; in the
2 hallis of the hous of oure God. In nyȝtis reise ȝoure hondis
3 in to hooli thingis ; and blesse þe the Lord. The Lord
blesse thee fro Syon ; which *Lord* made heuene and erthe.

PSALM CXXXIV (CXXXV).

1 *The title of the hundrid and foure and thrittis the salm.
Alleluya.*

HERIE þe the name of the Lord ; þe seruauntis of the
2 Lord, herie þe. Þe that stonden in the hous of the Lord ;
3 in the hallis of the hous of oure God. Herie þe the Lord, for
4 the Lord is good ; singe þe to his name, for it is swete. For
the Lord chees Jacob to him silf; Israel in to possessioun to
5 him silf. For Y haue knowe, that the Lord is greet ; and
6 oure God bisore alle goddis. The Lord made alle thingis,
what euere thingis he wolde, in heuene and in erthe ; in the
7 see, and in alle depthis of watri. He ledde out cloudis fro the
ferhest part of erthe ; and made leitis in to reyn. Which
8 bringith forth wyndis fro hise tresours ; which killide the
9 firste gendrid thingis of Egipt, fro man til to beeste. He
sente out signes and greate wondris, in the myddil of thee,
10 thou Egipt ; in to Farao and in to alle hise seruauntis. Which
11 smoot many folkis ; and killide stronge kingis. Seon, the

king of Ammoreis, and Og, the king of Basan ; and alle
 12 the rewmes of Chanaan. And he ſaf the lond of hem
 13 eritage ; eritage to Israel, his puple. Lord, thi name *is* with
 14 outen ende ; Lord, thi memorial *be* in generacioun and in to
 15 generacioun. For the Lord ſchal deme his puple ; and he
 16 ſchal be preied in hise seruauntis. The ſymulacris of hethene
 men *ben* siluer and gold ; the werkis of the hondis of men.
 17 Tho han a mouth, and ſchulen not speke ; tho han iȝen, and
 18 ſchulen not ſe. Tho han eeris, and ſchulen not here ; for
 19 nether ſpirit is in the mouth of tho. Thei that maken tho,
 20 be maad lijk tho ; and alle that tristen in tho. The houſe of
 21 Israel, blesſe ȝe the Lord ; the houſe of Aaron, blesſe ȝe the
 22 Lord. The houſe of Leuy, blesſe ȝe the Lord ; ȝe that dreden
 23 the Lord, blesſe ȝe the Lord. Blessid be the Lord of Syon ;
 that dwellith in Jeruſalem.

PSALM CXXXV (CXXXVI).

The title of the hundrid and fyue and thrittithe ſalm.

Alleluya.

1 KNOULECHE ȝe to the Lord, for he is good, for his merci
 2 *is* withouten ende. Knouleche ȝe to the God of goddis.
 3, 4 Knouleche ȝe to the Lord of lordis. Which aloone makith
 5 grete merueils. Which made heuenes bi vndurſtondyng.
 6, 7 Which made ſtideſtaſt erthe on watris. Which made grete
 8, 9 liȝtis. The ſunne in to the power of the dai. The moone
 10 and ſterris in to the power of the niȝt. Which ſmoot Egift
 11 with the firſte gendrid thingis of hem. Which ledde out
 12 Israel fro the myddil of hem. In a miȝti hond and in an
 13 hiȝ arm. Whiche departide the reed ſee in to departyngis.
 14, 15 And ledde out Israel thoruȝ the myddil therof. And
 he caste a-down Farao and his pouer in the reed ſee.
 16, 17 Which ledde ouer his puple thoruȝ deſert. Which

18, 19 smoot grete kingis. And killide strong kingis. Seon,
 20 the king of Amorreis. And Og, the king of Baasan.
 21, 22 And he ȝaf the lond of hem eritage. Eritage to Israel,
 23 his seruaunt. For in oure lownesse he hadde mynde on
 24, 25 vs. And he aȝenbouȝte vs fro oure enemyes. Which
 26 ȝyueth mete to ech fleisch. Knouleche ȝe to God of heuene.
 Knouleche ȝe to the Lord of lordis; for his merci *is* without
 outen ende.

PSALM CXXXVI (CXXXVII).

The hundrid and sixe and thrittethe salm.

1 On the floodis of Babiloyne there we saten, and wepten ;
 2 while we bithouȝten on Syon. In salewis in the myddil
 3 therof; we hangiden vp oure orguns. For thei that ledden
 vs prisoners; axiden vs there the wordis of songis. And
 thei that ledden awei vs *seiden*; Synge ȝe to vs an ympne
 4 of the songis of Syon. Hou schulen we singe a songe
 5 of the Lord; in an alien lond? If Y forȝete thee, Jeru-
 6 salem; my riȝt hond be ȝouun to forȝeting. Mi tunge
 cleue to my chekis; if Y bithenke not on thee. If Y pur-
 poside not of thee, Jerusalem; in the bigynnyng of my
 7 gladnesse. Lord, haue thou mynde on the sones of Edom;
 for the dai of Jerusalem. Whiche seien, Anyntische ȝe,
 8 anyntische ȝe; til to the foundement ther-ynne. Thou
 wretchid douȝter of Babiloyne; he *is* blessid, that schal
 9 ȝelde to thee thi ȝelding, which thou ȝeldidist to vs. He
 is blessid, that schal holde; and hurtle doun hisse little
 children at a stoon.

PSALM CXXXVII (CXXXVIII).

*The title of the hundred and sevene and thrittithe salm.
To Dauith him silf.*

1 LORD, Y schal knouleche to thee in al myn herte; for thou herdist the wordis of my mouth. Mi God, Y schal
 2 singe to thee in the siȝt of aungels; Y schal worschipe to thin hooli temple, and Y schal knouleche to thi name. On
 thi merci and thi treuthe; for thou hast magnesified thin
 3 hooli name aboue al thing. In what euere dai Y schal
 inwardli clepe thee, here thou me; thou schalt multipli
 4 vertu in my soule. Lord, alle the kingis of erthe knou-
 leche to thee; for thei herden alle the wordis of thi mouth.
 5 And singe thei in the weies of the Lord; for the glorie
 6 of the Lord is greet. For the Lord *is hiȝ*, and biholdith
 7 meke thingis; and knowith afer *hiȝ* thingis. If Y schal
 go in the myddil of tribulacioun, thou schalt quikene me;
 and thou stretchidist forth thin hond on the ire of myn
 8 enemyes, and thi riȝt hond made me saaf. The Lord
 schal ȝelde for me, Lord, thi merci *is* with-outen ende;
 dispise thou not the werkis of thin hondis.

PSALM CXXXVIII (CXXXIX).

*The title of the hundred and eizte and thrittithe salm.
To victorie, the salm of Dauith.*

1, 2 LORD, thou hast preued me, and hast knowe me; thou
 3 hast knowe my sitting, and my rising aȝen. Thou hast
 vndirstonde my thouȝtis fro fer; thou hast enquered my
 4 path and my corde. And thou hast bifor seien alle my
 5 weies; for no word is in my tunge. Lo! Lord, thou hast
 knowe alle thingis, the laste thingis and elde; thou hast

6 formed me, and hast set thin hond on me. Thi kunningy
 is maad wondirful of me; it is coumfortid, and Y schal
 7 not mowe to it. Whidir schal Y go fro thi spirit; and
 8 whider schal Y fle fro thi face? If Y schal stie in to
 heuene, thou art there; if Y schal go doun to helle, thou
 9 art present. If Y schal take my fetheris ful eerli; and
 10 schal dwelle in the last partis of the see. And sotheli thider
 thin hond schal leede me forth; and thi riȝt hond schal
 11 holde me. And Y seide, In hap derknessis schulen defoule
 12 me; and the nyȝt is my liȝtnyng in my delicis. For whi
 derknessis schulen not be maad derk fro thee, and the niȝt
 13 schal be lȝtned as the dai; as the derknessis therof, so
 and the liȝt therof. For thou haddist in possessioun my
 reines; thou tokist me vp fro the wombe of my modir.
 14 I schal knouleche to thee, for thou art magnefied dredfulti;
 thi werkis *ben* wondirful, and my soule schal knouleche ful
 15 miche. Mi boon, which thou madist in priuete, is not hyd
 fro thee; and my substaunce in the lower partis of erthe.
 16 Thin iȝen sien myn vnperfite thing, and alle men schulen
 be writun in thi book; daies schulen be formed, and no
 17 man is in tho. Forsothe, God, thi frendis ben maad onour-
 able ful myche to me; the princeheid of hem is coumfortid
 18 ful myche. I schal noumbre hem, and thei schulen be mul-
 tiplied aboue grauel; Y roos vp, and ȝit Y am with thee
 19 For thou, God, schalt slee synneris; ȝe menquelleris, bowe
 20 awei fro me. For ȝe seien in thouȝt; Take thei her citees
 21 in vanite. Lord, whether Y hatide not hem that hatiden
 22 thee; and Y failide on thin enemyes? Bi perfite haterede
 23 Y hatide hem; thei weren maad enemyes to me. God,
 preue thou me, and knowe thou myn herte; axe thou me,
 24 and knowe thou my pathis. And se thou, if weie of wickid-
 nesse is in me; and lede thou me forth in euerlastinge wei.

PSALM CXXXIX (CXL).

*The title of the hundred and nyne and thrittithe salm.
To victorie, the salm of Dauith.*

2 LORD, delyuere thou me fro an yuel man; delyuere thou
3 me fro a wickid man. Whiche thouȝten wickidnesses in
4 the herte; al dai thei ordeyneden batels. Thei scharpiden
5 her tungis as serpentis; the venym of snakis vndir the lippis
6 of hem. Lord, kepe thou me fro the hond of the synnere;
7 and delyuere thou me fro wickid men. Which thouȝten
8 to disseyue my goyngis; proude men hidden a snare to
9 me. And thei leiden forth cordis in to a snare; thei set-
10 tiden sclaudir to me bisidis the weie. I seide to the Lord,
Thou art mi God; Lord, here thou the vois of my bisech-
11 sing. Lord, Lord, the vertu of myn heelthe; thou madist
12 schadowe on myn heed in the dai of batel. Lord, bitake
13 thou not me fro my desire to the synnere; thei thouȝten
14 aȝens me, forsake thou not me, lest perauenture thei ben
15 enhaunsid. The heed of the cumpas of hem; the trauel
16 of her lippis schal hile hem. Colis schulen falle on hem,
thou schalt caste hem doun in to fier; in wretchidnessis
17 thei schulen not stonde. A man a greet ianglere schal not
be dressid in erthe; yuels schulen take an vniust man in
18 perisching. I haue knowe, that the Lord schal make dom
19 of a nedī man; and the veniaunce of pore men. Netheles
just men schulen knouleche to thi name; and riȝtful men
schulen dwelle with thi cheer.

PSALM CXL (CXLI).

*The title of the hundred and fourtithe salm.
The salm of Dauith.*

LORD, Y criede to thee, here thou me; ȝyue thou tent
2 to my vois, whanne Y schal crye to thee. Mi preier be

dressid as encense in thi siȝt; the reisyng of myn hondis
 3 be as the euentid sacrifice. Lord, sette thou a keping to
 my mouth; and a dore of stonding aboue to my lippis.
 4 Bowe thou not myn herte in to wordis of malice; to excuse
 excusingis in synne. With men worchinge wickidnesse; and
 5 Y schal not comyne with the chosun men of hem. A iust
 man schal repreue me in mersi, and schal blame me; but
 6 ȝit my preier is in the wel plesaunt thingis of hem; for the
 domesmen of hem ioyned to the stoon weren sopun vp.
 7 Here thei my wordis, for tho weren myȝti. As fatnesse is
 brokun out on the erthe; oure bonys ben scattered niȝt helle.
 8 Lord, Lord, for myn ȝegen ben to thee, Y hopide in thee;
 9 take thou not awei my soule. Kepe thou me fro the snare
 which thei ordeyneden to me; and fro the sclaudris of
 hem that worchen wickidnesse. Synneris schulen falle in
 10 the nett therof; Y am aloone til Y passe.

PSALM CXLI (CXLII).

- 1 *The title of the hundred and oon and fourtithe salm. The lernyng of David; his preier, whanne he was in the denne.*
- 2 WITH my vois Y criede to the Lord; with my vois Y
 3 preiede hertli to the Lord. I schede out my preier in his
 4 siȝt; and Y pronounce my tribulacioun bifor him. While
 my spirit sailith of me; and thou hast knowe my pathis. In
 this weie in which Y ȝede; proude men hidden a snare
 5 to me. I bihelde to the riȝt side, and Y siȝt; and noon
 was that knew me. Fliȝt perischide fro me; and noon is
 6 that sekith my soule. Lord, Y criede to thee, Y seide,
 7 Thou art myn hope; my part in the lond of lyueris. ȝyue
 thou tent to my biseching; for Y am maad low ful greetli.
 Delyuere thou me fro hem that pursuen me; for thei ben

8 coumfortid on me. Lede my soule out of keping to knouleche to thi name; iust men abiden me, til thou ȝelde to me.

PSALM CXLII (CXLI).

*1 The title of the hundred and two and fourtith salm.
The salm of Dauid.*

LORD, here thou my preier, with eeris persevye thou my biseching; in thi treuthe here thou me, in thi riȝtwisnesse.
2 And entre thou not in to dom with thi seruaunt; for ech
3 man lyuynge schal not be maad iust in thi siȝt. For the
enemy pursuede my soule; he made lowe my lisi in erthe.
4 He hath set me in derk placis, as the deed men of the world,
and my spirit was angwischid on me; myn herte was disturblid
5 in me. I was myndesful of elde daies, Y bithouȝte in alle thi
6 werkis; Y bithouȝte in the dedis of thin hondis. I helde
forth myn hondis to thee; my soule as erthe with-out water
7 to thee. Lord, here thou me swiftli; my spirit failide.

Turne thou not a-wei thi face fro me; and Y schal be lijk
8 to hem that gon doun in to the lake. Make thou erli thi
merci herd to me; for Y hopide in thee. Make thou
knowun to me the weie in which Y schal go; for Y reiside my
9 soule to thee. Delyuere thou me fro myn enemyes, Lord,
10 Y fledde to thee; teche thou me to do thi wille, for thou art
my God. Thi good spirit schal lede me forth in to a riȝful
11 lond; Lord, for thi name thou schalt quikene me in thin
12 equite. Thou schalt lede my soule out of tribulacioun; and
in thi merci thou schalt scatere alle myn enemyes. And
thou schalt leese alle them, that troublen my soule; for
Y am thi seruaunt.

PSALM CXLIII (CXLIV).

1 The title of the hundrid and thre and fourtith salm. A salm.

BLESSID be my Lord God, that techith myn hondis to
 2 werre; and my syngris to batel. Mi merci, and my refuyt;
 my takere vp, and my delyuerer. Mi defender, and Y
 hopide in him; and thou makist suget my puple vnder me.
 3 Lord, what is a man, for thou hast maad knowun to him;
 ether the sone of man, for thou arettist him of sum valu?
 4 A man is maad lijk vanyte; hise daies passen as schadow.
 5 Lord, bowe doun thin heuenes, and come thou doun; touche
 6 thou hillis, and thei schulcn make smoke. Leite thou schyn-
 yng, and thou schalt scatere hem; sende thou out thin
 7 arowis, and thou schalt disturble hem. Sende out thin hond
 fro an hiȝ, rauysche thou me out, and delyuere thou me fro
 8 many watriis; and fro the hond of alien sones. The mouth
 of which spak vanite; and the riȝthond of hem *is* the riȝt
 9 hond of wickidnesse. God, Y schal synge to thee a new
 song; I schal seie salm to thee in a sautre of ten stringis.
 10 Which ȝyuest heelthe to kingis; which aȝen-bouȝtist Dauid,
 thi seruaunt, fro the wickid swerd rauische thou out me.
 11 And delyuere thou me fro the hond of alien sones; the
 mouth of whiche spak vanyte, and the riȝthond of hem *is* the
 12 riȝt hond of wickidnesse. Whose sones *ben*; as new plauntingis
 in her ȝongthe. The douȝtris of hem *ben* arayed;
 13 ourned about as the licnesse of the temple. The selers of
 hem *ben* fulle; bringinge out fro this *vessel* in to that. The
 scheep of hem *ben* with lambre, plenteuouse in her goingis
 14 out; her kien *ben* fatte. No falling of wal is, nether passing
 15 ouere; nether cry *is* in the stretis of hem. Thei seiden,
 The puple *is* blessid, that hath these thingis; blessid *is* the
 puple, whos Lord is the God of it.

PSALM CXLIV (CXLV).

1 *The title of the hundrid and fourre and fourtithc salm.*
 The ympne of Dauith.

1 Mi God king, Y schal enhaunse thee ; and Y schal blesse
 2 thi name in to the world, and in to the world of world. Bi
 alle daies Y schal blesse thee ; and Y schal herie thi name
 3 in to the world, and in to the world of the world. The Lord
 is greet, and worthi to be preisid ful myche ; and noon ende
 4 is of his greetnesse. Generacioun and generacioun schal
 preise thi werkis ; and thei schulen pronounse thi power.
 5 Thei schulen speke the greet doyng of the glorie of thin
 6 holynesse ; and thei schulen telle thi merucils. And thei
 schulen seye the vertu of thi ferdful thingis ; and thei schulen
 7 telle thi greetnesse. Thei schulen bringe forth the mynde
 of the abundaunce of thi swetnesse ; and thei schulen telle
 8 with ful out ioyng thi riȝtfulnesse. The Lord is a merciful
 doere, and merciful in wille ; paciente, and myche merciful.
 9 The Lord is swete in alle thingis ; and hise merciful doyngis
 10 ben on alle hise werkis. Lord, alle thi werkis knouleche to
 11 thee ; and thi seyntis blesse thee. Thei schulen seie the
 12 glorie of thi rewme ; and thei schulen speke thi power.
 That thei make thi power knowun to the sones of men ; and
 13 the glorie of the greetnesse of thi rewme. Thi rewme is the
 rewme of alle worldis ; and thi lordschipe is in al generacioun
 and in to generacioun. The Lord is feithful in alle hise
 14 wordis ; and hooli in alle hise werkis. The Lord liftith vp
 alle that fallen doun ; and reisith alle men hurtlid doun.
 15 Lord, the iȝen of alle beestis hopen in thee ; and thou ȝyuest
 16 the mete of hem in couenable tyme. Thou openest thin
 17 hond ; and thou fillist ech beeste with blessing. The Lord
 18 is iust in alle hise weies ; and hooli in alle hise werkis. The

Lord is niȝ to alle that inwardli clepen him ; to alle that
 19 inwardli clepen him in treuthe. He schal do the wille of
 hem, that dreden him, and he schal here the biseching of
 20 hem ; and he schal make hem saaf. The Lord kepith alle
 21 men louynge him ; and he schal leese alle synners. Mi
 mouth schal speke the heriying of the Lord ; and ech man
 blesse his hooli name in to the world, and in to the world
 of world.

PSALM CXLV (CXLVI).

1 *The title of the hundred and fyue and fourtith salm.*

Alleluya.

2 M1 soule, herie thou the Lord ; Y schal herie the Lord in
 my liȝ, Y schal syng to my God as longe as Y schal be.
 3 Nile ȝe triste in princis ; nether in the sones of men, in
 4 whiche is noon helthe. The spirit of hym schal go out, and
 he schal turne aȝen in to his erthe ; in that dai alle the
 5 thouȝtis of hem schulen perische. He *is* blessid, of whom
 the God of Jacob is his helpere, his hope *is* in his Lord God,
 6 that made heuene and erthe ; the see, and alle thingis that
 7 ben in tho. Which kepith treuthe in to the world, makith
 dom to hem that suffren wrong ; ȝyueth mete to hem that
 8 ben hungris. The Lord vnyndith feterid men ; the Lord
 liȝteth blynde men. The Lord reisith men hurtlid doun ;
 9 the Lord loueth iust men. The Lord kepith comelyngis, he
 schal take vp a modirles child, and widewe ; and he schal
 10 distrie the weies of synners. The Lord schal regne in to the
 worldis ; Syon, thi God schal regne in generacioun and in to
 generacioun.

PSALM CXLVI (CXLVII).

1 *The title of the hundred and sixe and fourtith salm.*
 Alleluya.

HERIE *ȝe* the Lord, for the salm is good ; heriying be
 2 myrie, and fair to oure God. The Lord schal bilde Jeru-
 salem ; and schal gadere togidere the scateryngis of Israel.
 3 Which *Lord* makith hool men contrit in herte ; and byndith
 4 togidere the sorewes of hem. Which noumbrith the multi-
 5 tude of sterris ; and clepith names to alle tho. Oure Lord
 6 *is* greet, and his vertu *is* greet ; and of his wisdom is no
 7 noumbre. The Lord takith vp mylde men ; forsothe he
 8 makith low synneris til to the erthe. Bisore synge *ȝe* to the
 9 Lord in knoulechyg ; seye *ȝe* salm to oure God in an
 10 sharpe. Which hilith heuene with cloudis ; and makith redi
 reyn to the erthe. Which bryngith forth hei in hillis ; and
 11 eerbe to the seruice of men. Which *ȝyueth* mete to her
 werk beestis ; and to the briddys of crowis clepinge hym.
 12 He schal not haue wille in the strengthe of an hors ; nether
 it schal be wel plesaunt to hym in the leggis of a man. It is
 13 wel plesaunt to the Lord on men that dreden hym ; and in
 hem that hopen on his mercy.

PSALM CXLVII (CXLVII, *continued*).

The hundred and seuene and fourtith salm.

12 JERUSALEM, herie thou the Lord ; Syon, herie thou thi
 13 God. For he hath coumfortid the lockis of thi *ȝatis* ; he
 14 hath blessid thi sones in thee. Which hath set thi coostis
 15 pees ; and fillith thee with the fatnesse of wheete. Which
 sendith out his speche to the erthe ; his word renneth swiftli.
 16 Which *ȝyueth* snow as wolle ; spredith abrood a cloude as

17 aische. He sendith his cristal as mussels ; who schal suffre
 18 bifore the face of his cooldnesse ? He schal sende out his
 word, and schal melte tho ; his spirit schal blowe, and watri
 19 schulen flowe. Which tellith his word to Jacob ; and his
 20 riȝtfulnessis and domes to Israel. He dide not so to ech
 nacioun ; and he schewide not hise domes to hem.

PSALM CXLVIII.

1 *The title of the hundrid and eiȝte and fourtithe salm.*
Alleluya.

3E of heuenes, herie the Lord ; herie ȝe hym in hiȝe
 2 thingis. Alle hise aungels, herie ȝe hym ; alle hise vertues,
 3 herye ȝe hym. Sunne and moone, herie ȝe hym ; alle sterris
 4 and liȝt, herie ȝe hym. Heuenes of heuenes, herie ȝe hym ;
 5 and the watriis that ben aboue heuenes, herie ȝe the name
 6 of the Lord. For he seide, and thingis weren maad ; he
 comaundide, and thingis weren maad of nouȝt. He ordeyn-
 ede tho thingis in to the world, and in to the world of
 world ; he settide a comaundement, and it schal not passe.
 7 ȝe of erthe, herie ȝe the Lord ; dragouns, and alle depthis
 8 of watriis. Fier, hail, snow, iys, spiritis of tempestis ; that
 9 don his word. Mounteyns, and alle little hillis ; trees berynge
 10 fruyt, and alle cedris. Wielde beestis, and alle tame beestis ;
 11 serpentis, and fetherid briddis. The kingis of erthe, and alle
 12 puplis ; the princis, and alle iugis of erthe. ȝonge men, and
 virgyns, elde men with ȝongere, herie ȝe the name of the
 13, 14 Lord ; for the name of hym aloone is enhaunsid. His
 knouleching *be* on heuene and erthe ; and he hath enhaunsid
 the horn of his puple. An ympne *be* to alle hise seytis ; to
 the children of Israel, to a puple neiȝynge to hym.

PSALM CXLIX.

- 1 *The title of the hundred and nyne and fourtithc salm.*
Alleluya.

SYNGE 3e to the Lord a newe song ; hise heriyng be in the
 2 chirche of seyntis. Israel be glad in hym that made hym ;
 and the douȝtris of Syon make ful out ioye in her king.
 3 Herie thei his name in a queer ; seie thei salm to hym in
 4 a tympan, and sautre. For the Lord is wel plesid in his
 5 puple ; and he hath reisid mylde men in to heelthe. Seyntis
 schulen make ful out ioye in glorie ; thei schulen be glad in
 6 her beddis. The ful out ioiyngis of God in the throte of
 hem ; and swerdis scharp on ech side in the hondis of hem.
 7, 8 To do veniaunce in naciouns ; blamyngis in puplis. To
 bynde the kyngis of hem in stockis ; and the noble men
 9 of hem in yrun manaclis. That thei make in hem doom
 writun ; this is glorye to alle hise seyntis.

PSALM CL.

- 1 *The title of the hundred and fiftithc salm. Alleluya.*

HERIE ȝe the Lord in hise seyntis ; herie ȝe hym in the
 2 firmament of his vertu. Herie ȝe hym in hise vertues ; herie
 3 ȝe hym bi the multitude of his greetnesse. Herie ȝe hym in
 the soun of trumpe ; herie ȝe hym in a sautre and harpe.
 4 Herie ȝe hym in a tympane and queer ; herie ȝe hym in
 5 strengis and orgun. Herie ȝe hym in cymbalis sownynge
 6 wel, herye ȝe hym in cymbalis of iubilacioun ; ech spirit,
 herye the Lord.

P R O V E R B S.

C A P . I.

1 THE parblis of Salomon, the sone of Dauid, king of
 2, 3 Israel; to kunne wisdom and kunnynge; to vndurstonde
 the wordis of prudence; and to take the lernyng of teching;
 4 *to take riȝtfulnesse*, and dom, and equyte; that felnesse be
 5 ȝouun to litle children, and kunnynge, and vndurstonding to
 6 a ȝong wexyng man. A wise man heringe schal be wisere;
 7 and a man vndurstondinge schal holde gouernails. He schal
 perseye a parable, and expownyng; the wordis of wise
 8 men, and the derk figuratif spechis of hem. The drede of
 the Lord is the bigynning of wisdom; foolis dispisen wisdom
 9 and teching. My sone, here thou the teching of thi fadir,
 10 and forsake thou not the lawe of thi modir; that grace be
 addid, *ethir encreessid*, to thin heed, and a bie to thi necke.
 11 Mi sone, if synneris flateren thee, assente thou not to hem.
 12 If thei seien, Come thou with vs, sette we aspies to blood,
 hide we snaris of disseitis ȝzens an innocent without cause;
 13 swolowe we him, as helle *swolow*with a man lyuynge; and
 14 al hool, as goynge doun in to a lake; we schulen fynde al
 preciouuse catel, we schulen fille oure housis with spuylis;
 15 sende thou lot with vs, o purs be of vs alle; my sone, go
 thou not with hem; forbede thi foot fro the pathis of hem.
 16 For the feet of hem rennen to yuel; and thei hasten to
 17 schede out blood. But a net is leid in veyn bifore the iȝen
 18 of briddis, that han wengis. Also thilke *wickid disseyueris*
 setten aspies ȝzens her owne blood; and maken redi fraudis
 19 ȝzens her soulis. So the pathis of ech auerouse man
 20 rauyschen the soulis of hem that welden. Wisdom prechith

21 with-outforth ; in stretis it ȝyueth his vois. It crieth oste in
 the heed of cumpenyes ; in the leeues of ȝatis of the citee it
 22 bringith forth hise wordis, and seith, Hou long, ȝe little men
in wit, louen ȝong childhod, and foolis schulen coueyte tho
 thingis, that ben harmful to hem silf, and vnprudent men
 23 schulen hate kunning ? Be ȝe conuertid at my repreuyng ;
 lo, Y schal profre forth to ȝou my spirit, and Y schal schewe
 24 my wordis. For Y clepide, and ȝe forsoken ; Y helde forth
 25 myn hond, and noon was that bihelde. ȝe dispisiden al my
 26 councel ; and chargiden not my blamyngis. And Y schal
 leize in ȝoure perisching ; and Y schal scorne ȝou, whanne
 27 that, that ȝe dreden, cometh to ȝou. Whanne sodeyne
 wretchidnesse fallith in, and perisching bifallith as tempest ;
 28 whanne tribulacioun and angwisch cometh on ȝou. Thanne
 thei schulen clepe me, and Y schal not here ; thei schulen
 29 rise eerli, and thei schulen not fynde me. For thei hatiden
 30 teching, and thei token not the drede of the Lord, nether
 assentiden to my councel, and deprauenen al myn amendyng.
 31 Therfor thei schulen ete the fruytis of her weie ; and thei
 32 schulen be fillid with her counseils. The turnyng awei of
 little men *in wit* schal sle hem ; and the prosperite of foolis
 33 schal leese hem. But he that herith me, schal reste with-
 outen drede ; and he schal vse abundaunce, whanne the
 drede of yuels is takun awei.

CAP. II.

1 Mi sone, if thou resseyuest my wordis, and hidist myn
 2 heestis anentis thee ; that thin eere here wisdom, bowe thin
 3 herte to knowe prudence. For if thou inwardli clepist wis-
 4 dom, and bowist thin herte to prudence ; if thou sekist it as
 5 money, and diggist it out as tresours ; thanne thou schalt
 vndirstonde the drede of the Lord, and schalt synde the

6 kunnynge of God. For the Lord *ȝyueth* wisdom ; and pru-
 7 dence and kunnynge *is* of his mouth. He schal kepe the
 8 heelthe of *rȝtful* men, and he schal defende hem that goen
 9 sympli. And he schal kepe the pathis of *rȝtfulnessse*, and he
 10 schal kepe the weies of hooli men. Thanne thou schalt
 11 vndirstonde *rȝtfulnessse*, and dom, and equytee, and ech good
 12 path. If wysdom entrih in to thin herte, and kunnynge
 13 plesith thi soule, good councel schal kepe thee, and pru-
 14 dence schal kepe thee ; that thou be delyuered fro an yuel
 15 weie, and fro a man that spekith weiward thingis. Whiche
 16 forsaken a *rȝtful* weie, and goen bi derk weies ; whiche ben
 17 glad, whanne thei han do yuel, and maken ful out ioye in
 18 worste thingis ; whose weies *ben* weywerd, and her goyingis
 19 *ben* of yuel fame. That thou be delyuered fro an alien
 20 womman, and fro a straunge *womman*, that makith soft hir
 21 wordis ; and forsakith the duyk of hir tyme of mariage, and
 22 hath forȝete the couenaunt of hir God. For the hous of hir
 23 is bowid to deeth, and hir pathis to helle. Alle that entren
 24 to hir, schulen not turne *ȝzen*, nether schulen catche the
 25 pathis of lijf. That thou go in a good weie, and kepe the
 26 pathis of iust men. Forsothe thei that *ben* *rȝtful*, schulen
 27 dwelle in the lond ; and symple men schulen perfitli dwelle
 28 ther-ynne. But vnfeithful men schulen be lost fro the
 29 loond ; and thei that doen wickidli, schulen be takun awey
 30 fro it.

CAP. III.

1 Mi sone, forȝete thou not my lawe ; and thyn herte kepe
 2 my comaundementis. For tho schulen sette to thee the
 3 lengthe of daies, and the *ȝeeris* of lijf, and pees. Merci and
 4 treuthe forsake thee not ; bynde thou tho to thi throte, and
 5 write in the tablis of thin herte. And thou schalt fynde
 grace, and good teching bifore God and men. Haue thou

trist in the Lord, of al thin herte ; and triste thou not to thi
 6 prudence. In alle thi weies thenke thou on hym, and he
 7 schal dresse thi goyngis. Be thou not wijs anentis thi silf ;
 8 drede thou God, and go awei fro yuel. For-whi helthe
 9 schal be in thi nawle, and moisting of thi boonys. Onoure
 thou the Lord of thi catel, and of the beste of alle thi fruytis
 10 ȝyue thou to pore men ; and thi bernes schulen be fillid with
 11 abundaunce, and pressours schulen flowe with wiyn. My
 sone, caste thou not awei the teching of the Lord, and faile
 12 thou not, whanne thou art chastisid of him. For the Lord
 chastisith hym, whom he loueth ; and as a fadir in the sone he
 13 plesith hym. Blessid *is* the man that syndith wisdom, and
 14 which flowith with prudence. The geting therof is betere
 than the marchaundie of gold and of siluer ; the fruytis
 15 therof *ben* the firste and clenneste. It is precioussere than
 alle richessis ; and alle thingis *that* ben desirid, moun not be
 16 comparisound to this. Lengthe of daies *is* in the riȝthalf therof,
 17 and richessis and glorie *ben* in the lishalf therof. The weies
 therof *ben* feire weies, and alle the pathis therof *ben* pesible.
 18 It is a tre of lijf to hem that taken it ; and he that holdith it,
 19 is blessid. The Lord foundide the erthe bi wisdom ; he
 20 stablischide heuenes bi prudence. The depthis of watri
 braken out bi his wisdom ; and cloudis wexen togidere bi
 21 dewe. My sone, these thingis flete not awey fro thin iȝen ;
 22 kepe thou my lawe, and my counsel ; and lijf schal be to thi
 23 soule, and grace *schal be* to thi chekis. Thanne thou schalt
 24 go tristili in thi weie ; and thi foot schal not snapere. If
 thou schalt slepe, thou schalt not drede ; thou schalt reste,
 25 and thi sleep schal be soft. Drede thou not bi sudeyne feir,
 26 and the powers of wickid men fallynge in on thee. For the
 Lord schal be at thi side ; and he schal kepe thi foot, that
 27 thou be not takun. Nil thou forbede to do wel him that mai ;
 28 if thou maist, and do thou wel. Seie thou not to thi frend, Go,

and turne thou aȝen, and to morewe Y schal ȝyue to thee ;
 29 whanne thou maist ȝyue anoon. Ymagyne thou not yuel to
 30 thi freend, whanne he hath trist in thee. Stryue thou not
 aȝens a man with-out cause, whanne he doith noon yuel to
 31 thee. Sue thou not an vniust man, sue thou not hise weies.
 32 For ech disseyuer is abhomynacioun of the Lord; and his
 33 speking *is* with simple men. Nedinesse *is sent* of the Lord in
 the hous of a wickid man; but the dwelling places of iust
 34 men schulen be blessid. He schal scorne scorneris; and he
 35 schal ȝyue grace to mylde men. Wise men schulen haue
 glorie; enhaunsing of foolis *is* schenschipe.

CAP. IV.

1 SONES, here ȝe the teching of the fadir; and perseiue ȝe,
 2 that ȝe kunne prudence. Y schal ȝyue to ȝou a good ȝiste;
 3 forsake ȝe not my lawe. For-whi and Y was the sone of my
 fadir, a tendir sone, and oon gendride bifore my modir.
 4 And *my fadir tauȝte* me, and seide, Thin herte resseyue my
 wordis; kepe thou myn heestis, and thou schalt lyue.
 5 Welde thou wisdom, welde thou prudence; forȝete thou not,
 6 nethir bowe thou awey fro the wordis of my mouth. Forsake
 thou not it, and it schal kepe thee; loue thou it, and it schal
 7 kepe thee. The bigynnyng of wisdom, welde thou wisdom;
 8 and in al thi possessioun gete thou prudence. Take thou it,
 and it schal enhaunse thee; thou schalt be glorified of it,
 9 whanne thou hast biclippid it. It schal ȝyue encresyngis of
 graces to thin heed; and a noble coroun schal defende thee.
 10 Mi sone, here thou, and take my wordis; that the ȝeris of lijf
 11 be multiplied to thee. Y schal schewe to thee the weie of
 12 wisdom; and Y schal lede thee bi the pathis of equyte. In
 to whiche whanne thou hast entrid, thi goyngis schulen not
 be maad streit; and thou schalt rennen, and schalt not haue

13 hirtyng. Holde thou teching, and forsake it not ; kepe thou
 14 it, for it is thi lijf. Delite thou not in the pathis of wyckid
 15 men ; and the weie of yuele men plese not thee. Fle thou
 16 fro it, and passe thou not therbi ; bowe thou awei, and for-
 17 sake it. For thei slepen not, no-but thei han do yuele ; and
 18 sleep is rauyschid fro hem, no-but thei han disseyued. Thei
 19 eten the breed of vnpite, and dricken the wyn of wickidnesse.
 20 But the path of iust men goith forth as liȝt schynynge, and
 21 encreessith til to perfit dai. The weie of wickid men *is* derk ;
 22 thei witen not where thei schulen falle. Mi sone, herkene thou
 23 my wordis ; and bowe doun thin eeris to my spechis. Go
 24 not tho awei fro thyn iȝen ; kepe thou hem in the myddil of
 25 thin herte. For tho ben lijf to men fyndyng tho, and
 26 heelthe of al fleisch. With al keping kepe thin herte, for liȝt
 27 cometh forth of it. Remoue thou a schrewid mouth fro
 28 thee ; and backbitynge lippis be fer fro thee. Thin iȝen
 29 se riȝtful thingis ; and thin iȝeliddis go bifore thi steppis.
 30 Dresse thou pathis to thi feet, and alle thi weies schulen be
 31 stablisched. Bowe thou not to the riȝtside, nether to the
 32 leftside ; turne awei thi foot fro yuel. For the Lord knowith
 33 the weies that ben at the riȝtside ; but the weies ben weiward,
 34 that ben at the leftside. Forsothe he schal make thi goyngis
 35 riȝtful ; and thi weies schulen be brouȝt forth in pees.

CAP. V.

1 Mi sone, perseyue thou my wisdom, and bowe doun thin
 2 eere to my prudence ; that thou kepe thi thouȝtis, and thi
 3 lippis kepe teching. ȝyue thou not tent to the falsnesse
 4 of a womman ; for the lippis of an hoore *ben* an hony-
 5 coomb droppinge, and hir throte *is* clerere than oile ; but
 the last thingis *ben* bittir as wormod, and hir tunge *is* scharp
 as a swerd keruynge on ech side. Hir feet gon doun in

6 to deeth; and hir steppis persen to hellis. Tho goon not
 bi the path of lijf; hir steppis ben vncerteyn, and moun
 7 not be souȝt out. Now therfor, my sone, here thou me,
 8 and go not awei fro the wordis of my mouth. Make fer
 thi weie fro hir, and neȝe thou not to the doris of hir
 9 hous. ȝyue thou not thin onour to aliens, and thi ȝeeris
 10 to the cruel; lest perauenture straungeris be fillid with thi
 11 strengthis, and lest thi trauels be in an alien hous; and
 12 thou biweile in the laste daies, whanne thou hast wastid
 13 thi fleschis, and thi bodi; and thou seic, Whi wlatide Y
 14 teching, and myn herte assentide not to blamyngis; nether

Y herde the voys of men techinge me, and Y bowide not
 14 doun myn eere to maistris? Almest Y was in al yuel, in
 15 the myddis of the chirche, and of the synagoge. Drinke
 16 thou watir of thi cisterne, and the floodis of thi pit. Thi
 wellis be stremed forth; and departe thi watriis in stretis.
 17 Haue thou aloone tho *watris*; and aliens be not thi par-
 18 ceneris. Thi veyne be blessid; and be thou glad with the
 19 womman of thi ȝong wexyng age. An hynde moost dere-
 worthe; and an hert calf moost acceptable. Hir teetis fille
 thee in al tyme; and delite thou contynueli in the loue of hir.
 20 Mi sone, whi art thou disseyued of an alien womman; and
 21 art fostrid in the bosum of an othere? The Lord seeth
 22 the weie of a man; and biholdith alle hise steppis. The
 wickidnessis of a wyckid man taken hym; and he is boundun
 23 with the roopis of hise synnes. He schal die, for he hadde
 not lernyng; and he schal be disseyued in the mychilnesse
 of his fooli.

CAP. VI.

1 Mi sone, if thou hast bihiȝt for thi freend; thou hast
 2 fastned thin hoond at a straunger. Thou art boundun bi
 the wordis of thi mouth; and *thou art* takun with thin owne

3 wordis. Therfor, my sone, do thou that that Y seie, and
 delyuere thi silf; for thou hast fallen in to the hond of
 thi neigbore. Renne thou aboute, haste thou, reise thi
 freend; 3yue thou not sleep to thin iȝen, nether thin iȝeliddis
 5 nappe. Be thou rauyschid as a doo fro the hond; and as
 6 a bridde fro aspiyngis of the soulere. O! thou slowe man,
 go to the amte, *ether pissemyre*; and biholde thou hise weies,
 7 and lerne thou wisdom. Which whanne he hath no duyk,
 8 nethir comaundour, nether prince; makith redi in somer mete
 to hym silf, and gaderith togidere in heruest that, that he
 9 schal ete. Hou long schalt thou, slow man, slepe? whanne
 10 schalt thou rise fro thi sleep? A litil thou schalt slepe,
 a litil thou schalt nappe; a litil thou schalt ioyne togidere
 11 thin hondis, that thou slepe. And nedynesse, as a weigoere,
 schal come to thee; and pouert, as an armed man. For-
 sothe if thou art not slow, thi ripe corn schal come as a
 12 welle; and nedynesse schal fle fer fro thee. A man apos-
 tata, a man vnprofitable, he goith with a weoward mouth;
 13 he bekeneth with iȝen, he trampith with the foot, he spekith
 14 with the syngur, bi schrewid herte he ymagyneth yuel, and
 15 in al tyme he sowith dissenciouns. His perdioun schal
 come to hym anoon, and he schal be brokun sodeynli; and
 16 he schal no more haue medecyn. Sixe thingis ben, whyche
 the Lord hatith; and hise soule cursith the seuenthe thing.
 17 Hiȝe iȝen, a tunge liere, hondis schedinge out innocent
 18 blood, an herte ymagynngeworste thouȝtis, feet swifte to
 19 renne in to yuel, a man bringynge forth lesingis, a fals
 witnesse; and him that sowith discordis among britheren.
 20 Mi sone, kepe the comaundementis of thi fadir; and for-
 21 sake not the lawe of thi modir. Bynde thou tho continueli
 22 in thin herte; and cumpasse to thi throte. Whanne thou
 goist, go tho with thee; whanne thou slepit, kepe tho
 23 thee; and thou wakynge speke with tho. For the comaunde-

ment of God is a lanterne, and the lawe *is* liȝt, and the
 24 blamyng of techyng *is* the weie of liȝf; that *the comauende-*
mentis kepe thee fro an yuel womman, and fro a flaterynge
 25 tunge of a straunge womman. Thin herte coueite not the
 fairnesse of hir; nether be thou takun bi the signes of hir.
 26 For the prijs of an hoore is vnnethe of o loaf; but a
 27 womman takith the preciouuse soule of a man. Whether
 a man mai hide fier in his bosum, that hise clothis brenne
 28 not; ethir go on colis, and hise feet be not brent? So
 29 he that entrith to the wif of his neȝbore; schal not be
 30 cleene, whanne he hath touchid hir. It is not greet synne,
 whanne a man stelith; for he stelith to fille an hungri soule.
 31 And he takun schal ȝelde the seuenthe fold; and he schal
 ȝyue al the catel of his hous, and schal delyuere hym silf.
 32 But he that is avouter; schal leese his soule, for the pouert
 33 of herte. He gaderith filthe, and sclaundrith to hym silf;
 34 and his schenschip schal not be don awei. For the seruent
 loue and strong veniaunce of the man schal not spare in
 35 the dai of veniaunce, nether schal assente to the preieris
 of ony; nether schal take ful many ȝiftis for raunsum.

CAP. VII.

1 Mi sone, kepe thou my wordis; and kepe myn heestis to
 thee. Sone, onoure thou the Lord, and thou schalt be
 2 myȝti; but outakun hym drede thou not an alien. Kepe
 thou myn heestis, and thou schalt lyue; and my lawe as the
 3 appil of thin iȝen. Bynde thou it in thi fyngrys; write thou
 4 it in the tablis of thin herte. Seie thou to wisdom, Thou art
 5 my sistir; and clepe thou prudence thi frendesse. That it
 kepe thee fro a straunge womman; and fro an alien wom-
 6 man, that makith hir wordis swete. For-whi fro the wyndow
 of myn hous bi the latijs Y bihelde; and Y se litle children.

7, 8 I biholde a ȝong man coward, that passith bi the stretis,
9 bisidis the corner; and he goith niȝt the weie of hir hous in
10 derk tyme, whanne the dai drawith to niȝt, in the derknessis
11 and myst of the nyȝt. And lo! a womman, maad redi with
12 ournement of an hoore to disseyue soulis, meetith hym, and
13 sche is a ianglerc, and goynge about, and vnpacient of reste,
14 and mai not stonde in the hous with hir feit; and now
15 without-forth, now in stretis, now bisidis corneris sche
16 aspieth. And sche takith, and kissith the ȝong man; and
17 flaterith with wowyng cheer, and scith, Y ouȝte sacrifices for
18 heelthe; to-dai Y haue ȝolde my vowis. Therfor Y ȝede
19 out in to thi meetyng, and Y desiride to se thee; and Y
20 haue founde *thee*. Y haue maad my bed with coordis, Y haue
21 arayed with tapetis peyntid of Egipt; Y haue bispreynt my
22 bed with myrre, and aloes, and canel. Come thou, be we
23 fillid with tetis, and vse we collyngis *that ben* couceitid; til the
24 dai bigynne to be cleer. For *myn* hosebonde is not in his
25 hows; he is goon a ful long weie. He took with hym
a bagge of money; he schal turne aȝen in to his hous in
26 the dai of ful moone. Sche boonde hym with many wordis;
27 and sche drew forth hym with flateryngis of lippis. Anoon he
as an oxe led to slayn sacrifice sueth hir, and as a ioli lamb
and vnkunnynge; and the fool woot not, that he is drawun
to bondys, til an arowe perse his mawe. As if a brid hastith
to the snare; and woot not, that it is don of the perel of his
lif. Now therfor, my sone, here thou me; and perseycue
the wordis of my mouth. Lest thi soule be drawun awei in
the weies of hir; nether be thou disseyued in the pathis of
hir. For sche castide doun many woundid men; and alle
strongeste men weren slain of hir. The weies of helle is hir
hous; and persen in to ynnere thingis of deeth.

CAP. VIII.

1 WHETHER wisdom crieth not oste ; and prudence ȝyueth
 2 his vois ? In souereyneste and his coppis, aboue the weie, in
 3 the myddis of pathis, and it stondith bisidis the ȝate of the
 4 citee, in thilke closyngis, and spekith, and seith, A ! ȝe men,
 5 Y crie oste to ȝou ; and my vois *is* to the sones of men.
 6 Little children, vndirstonde ȝe wisdom ; and ȝe vnwise men,
 7 perseyeue *wisdom*. Here ȝe, for Y schal speke of grete
 8 thingis; and my lippis schulen be openyd, to preche riȝtful
 9 schrewid thing, nether weiward is in tho. *My wordis* ben
 10 riȝtful to hem that vndurstonden ; and *ben* euene to hem that
 11 fynden kunnynge. Take ȝe my chastisyng, and not money ;
 12 chese ȝe teching more than tresour. For wisdom is betere
 13 than alle richessis moost preciouse ; and al desirable thing
 14 mai not be comparisound thereto. Y, wisdom, dwelle in
 15 counsel ; and Y am among lernyd thouȝtis. The drede of
 16 the Lord hatith yuel ; Y curse boost, and pride, and a
 17 schrewid weie, and a double tungid mouth. Counseil is
 18 myn, and equyte *is myn* ; prudence is myn, and strengthe
 19 *is myn*. Kyngis regnen bi me ; and the makeris of lawis
 20 demen iust thingis *bi me*. Princis comaunden bi me ; and
 21 myȝti men demen riȝtfulnessesse *bi me*. I loue hem that louen
 22 me ; and thei that waken eerli to me, schulen synde me.
 23 With me ben rychessis, and glorie ; souereyn richessis, and
 24 riȝtfulnessesse. My fruyt is betere than gold, and precyouse
 25 stoon ; and my seedis *ben betere* than chosun siluer. Y go in
 26 the weies of riȝtfulnessesse, in the myddis of pathis of doom ;
 27 that Y make riche hem that louen me, and that Y fille her
 28 tresouris. The Lord weldide me in the bigynnyng of his
 29 weies ; biforn that he made ony thing, at the bigynnyng.

23 Fro with-out bigynnyng Y was ordeined; and fro elde tymes,
 24 bifor that the erthe was maad. Depthis of watriis weren not
 ȝit; and Y was conseyued thanne. The wellis of watriis
 25 hadden not brokun out ȝit, and hillis stoden not togidere
 26 ȝit bi sad heuynesse; bifor litil hillis Y was born. ȝit he
 hadde not maad erthe; and floodis, and the herris of the
 27 world. Whanne he made redi heuenes, Y was present;
 whanne he cumpasside the depthis of watriis bi certeyn
 28 lawe and cumpas. Whianne he made stidfast the eir aboue;
 29 and weiede the wellis of watriis. Whanne he cumpasside to
 the see his marke; and settide lawe to watriis, that tho
 30 schulden not passee her coostis. Whanne he peiside the
 foundementis of erthe; Y was making alle thingis with
 him. And Y delitide bi alle daies, and pleiede bifore hym
 31 in al tyme, and Y pleiede in the world; and my delices *ben*
 32 to be with the sones of men. Now therfor, sones, here ȝe
 33 me; blesid *ben thei* that kepen my weies. Here ȝe teching,
 34 and be ȝe wise men; and nile ȝe caste it awei. Blessid
 is the man that herith me, and that wakith at my ȝatis al
 35 dai; and kepith at the postis of my dore. He that syndith
 me, schal synde lijs; and schal drawe helthe of the Lord.
 36 But he that synneth ȝens me, schal hurte his soule; alle
 that haten me, louen deeth.

CAP. IX.

1 WISDOM bildide an hous to him silf; he hewide out seuene
 2 pileris, he offride his slain sacrifices, he medlide wijn, and
 3 settide forth his table. He sente hise handmaides, that thei
 4 schulden clepe to the tour; and to the wallis of the citee. If
 ony man is litil; come he to me. And *wisdom* spak to
 5 vnwise men, Come ȝe, ete ȝe my breed; and drynke ȝe the
 6 wiyn, which Y haue medlid to ȝou. Forsake ȝe ȝong

childhed, and lyue $\text{\textit{ze}}$; and go $\text{\textit{ze}}$ bi the weyes of prudence.
 7 He that techith a scornere, doith wrong to him silf; and he
 that vndirnymmeth a wickid man, gendrith a wem to him
 8 silf. Nile thou vndirnyme a scornere; lest he hate thee.
 9 Vndirnyme thou a wise man; and he schal loue thee. $\text{\textit{ze}}\text{yue}$
 thou occasiou to a wise man; and wisdom schal be en-
 creessid to hym. Teche thou a iust man; and he schal
 10 haste to take. The bigynnng of wisdom *is* the dred of
 11 the Lord; and prudence *is* the kunnyng of seyntis. For
 thi daies schulen be multiplied bi me; and $\text{\textit{ze}}\text{eris}$ of lijf
 12 schulen be encreessid to thee. If thou art wijs; thou schalt
 be to thi silf, and to thi neizboris. Forsothe if *thou art*
 13 a scornere; thou aloone schalt bere yuel. A foned wom-
 man, and ful of cry, and ful of vnleueful lustis, and that kan
 14 no thing outirli, sittith in the doris of hir hous, on a seete, in
 15 an hij place of the cite; to clepe men passinge bi the weie,
 16 and men goyng in her iournei. Who is a litil man *of wit*;
 17 bowe he to me. And sche spak to a coward, Watris of
 18 theste ben swettere, and breed hid is swettere. And wiste
 not that giauntis ben there; and the gestis of hir *ben* in the
 depthis of helle. Sotheli he that schal be applied, *ether*
fastned, to hir; schal go doun to hellis. For-whi he that
 goith awei fro hir; schal be sauued.

CAP. X.

1 *The parablis of Salomon.* A wijs sone makith glad the
 2 fadir; but a foned sone is the sorewe of his modir. Tre-
 souris of wickidnesse schulen not profite; but riȝtfulnesse
 3 schal delyuere fro deth. The Lord schal not turmente
 the soule of a iust man with hungur; and he schal distrie
 4 the tresouns of vnpitouse men. A slow hond hath wrouȝt
 nedynesse; but the hond of stronge men makith redi rich-

essis. Forsothe he that enforsith *to gete ony thing* bi
 leesyngis, fedith the wyndis; sotheli the same man sueth
 5 briddis fleynge. He that gaderith togidere in heruest, is
 a wijs sone; *but* he that slepit in sommer, is a sone of
 6 confusioun. The blessing of God *is* ouer the heed of a
 iust man; but wickidnesse hilith the mouth of wickid men.
 7 The mynde of a iust man *schal be* with preisingis; and the
 8 name of wickid men schal wexe rotun. A wijs man
 schal resseyue comaundementis with herte; a fool is betun
 9 with lippis. He that goith simpli, goith tristili; *but* he that
 10 makith schrewid hise weies, schal be opyn. He that bek-
 eneth with the *iȝe*, schal ȝyue sorewe; a fool schal be
 11 betun with lippis. The veyne of lijf *is* the mouth of a
 iust man; but the mouth of wickid men hilith wickidnesse.
 12 Hatrede reisith chidingis; and charite hilith alle synnes.
 13 Wisdom is foundun in the lippis of a wise man; and a ȝerd
 14 in the bak of him that is nedie of herte. Wise men hidien
 kunnyng; but the mouth of a fool is nexte to confusioun.
 15 The catel of a riche man *is* the citee of his strengthe; the
 16 drede of pore men *is* the nedynesse of hem. The werk
 of a iust man *is* to lijf; but the fruyt of a wickid man *is*
 17 to synne. The weie of lijf *is* to him that kepithe chastising;
 18 but he that forsakith blamyngis, errith. False lippis hidien
 19 hatrede; he that bringith forth dispisinge is vnwijs. Synnc
 schal not faile in myche spekyng; but he that mesurith hise
 20 lippis, is moost prudent. Chosun siluer *is* the tunge of a
 21 iust man; the herte of wickid men *is* for nouȝt. The lippis
 of a iust man techen ful manye men; but thei that ben
 22 vnlerned, schulen die in nedinesse of herte. The blessing
 of the Lord makith riche men; and torment schal not be
 23 felowschipid to hem. A fool worchith wickidnesse as bi leij-
 24 yng; but wisdom is prudence to a man. That that a wickid
 man dredith, schal come on hym; the desire of iust men

25 schalbe *ȝouun* to hem. As a tempeste passynge, a wickid
 man schal not be; but a iust man *schal be* as an euerlastynge
 26 foundement. As vynegre *noieth* the teeth, and smoke *noieth* the
 iȝen; so a slow man *noieth* hem that senten hym in the weie.
 27 The drede of the Lord encreesith daies; and the ȝeiris of
 28 wickid men schulen be maad schort. Abiding of iust men *is*
 29 gladnesse; but the hope of wickid men schal perische. The
 strengthe of a symple man *is* the weie of the Lord; and
 30 drede to hem that worchen yuel. A iust man schal not
 be moued with-outen ende; but wickid men schulen not
 31 dwelle on the erthe. The mouth of a iust man schal bringe
 32 forth wisdom; the tungue of schrewis schal perische. The
 lippis of a iust man biholden pleasaunt thingis; and the
 mouth of wickid men *byholdith* weiward thingis.

CAP. XI.

1 A GILEFUL balaunce is abhominacioun anentis God; and
 2 an euene weiȝte *is* his wille. Where pride is, there also
 dispising schal be; but where meeknesse is, there also *is*
 3 wisdom. The simplenesse of iust men schal dresse hem;
 and the disseyuyng of weiward men schal destrie hem.
 4 Richessis schulen not profite in the dai of veniaunce; but
 5 riȝtfulnesse schal delyuere fro deth. The riȝtfulnesse of a
 simple man schal dresse his weie; and a wickid man schal
 6 falle in his wickidnesse. The riȝtfulnesse of riȝtful men
 schal delyuere hem; and wickid men schulen be takun in
 7 her aspiyngis. Whanne a wickid man is deed, noon hope
 schal be ferther; and abidyng of bisy men schal perische.
 8 A iust man is delyuered from angwisch; and a wickid man
 9 schal be *ȝouun* for hym. A seynere bi mouth disseyueth his
 10 freend; but iust men schulen be deliuered bi kunningyng. A
 citee schal be enhaunsid in the goodis of iust men; and

11 preysyng schal be in the perdicoun of wickid men. A citee
 schal be enhaunsid bi blessing of iust men; and it schal be
 12 distried bi the mouth of wickid men. He that dispisith his
 freend, is nedie in herte; but a prudent man schal be stille.
 13 He that goith gilefuli, schewith priuetees; but he that is
 14 feithful, helith the priuete of a freend. Where a gouernour
 is not, the puple schal falle; but helthe *of the puple is*, where
 15 ben many counsels. He that makith feith for a straunger,
 schal be turmentid with yuel; but he that eschewith snaris,
 16 schal be sikur. A graciouse womman schal fynde glorie;
 17 and stronge men schulen haue richessis. A merciful man
 doith wel to his soule; but he that is cruel, castith awei, *ȝ*he,
 18 kynnesmen. A wickid man makith vnstable werk; but
 19 feithful mede *is* to hym, that sowith riȝtfulnessse. Merci
 schal make redi lijf; and the suyng of yuels *schal make redi*
 20 deth. A schrewid herte *is* abhomynable to the Lord; and
 21 his wille *is* in hem, that goen symply. *Thouȝ* hond *be* in the
 hond, an yuel man schal not be innocent; but the seed of
 22 iust men schal be sauyd. A goldun sercle, *ether ryng*, in the
 23 nose-thrillis of a sowe, a womman fair and fool. The desir
 of iust men is al good; abiding of wickid men *is* woodnesse.
 24 Sum men departen her owne thingis, and ben maad richere;
 other men rauyschen *thingis*, that *ben* not hern, and ben
 25 euere in nedynesse. A soule that blesith, schal be maad
 26 fat; and he that fillith, schal be fillid also. He that hidith
 wheete in tyme, schal be cursid among the puplis; but
 27 blesyng *schal come* on the heed of silleris. Wel he risith
 eerli, that sekith good thingis; but he that is a serchere
 28 of yuels, schal be oppressid of tho. He that tristith in hise
 richessis, schal falle; but iust men schulen buriowne as a
 29 greene leef. He that disturblith his hows, schal haue wyndis
 in possessioun; and he that is a fool, schal serue a wijs man.
 30 The fruyt of a riȝtful man *is* the tre of lijf; and he that

31 takith soulis, is a wijs man. If a iust man receyueth in
erthe, how Miche more an vnfeithful man, and synnere.

CAP. XII.

1 HE that loueth chastisyg, loueth kunnyng; but he that
2 hatith blamyngis, is vniwyjs. He that is good, schal drawe to
hym silf grace of the Lord; but he that tristith in his
3 thouȝtis, doith wickidli. A man schal not be maad strong by
wyckidnesse; and the root of iust men schal not be moued.
4 A diligent womman is a coroun to hir hosebond; and rot is
in the boonys of that *womman*, that doith thingis worthi of
5 confusiouun. The thouȝtis of iust men *ben* domes; and the
6 counselis of wickid men *ben* gileful. The wordis of wickid
men setten tresoun to blood; the mouth of iust men schal
7 delyuer hem. Turne thou wickid men, and thei schulen
not be; but the housis of iust men schulen dwelle perfitli.
8 A man schal be knowun bi his teching; but he that is veyn
9 and hertles, schal be open to dispising. Betere is a pore man,
and sufficient to him silf, than a gloriouse man, and ned
10 of breed. A iust man knowith the soulis of hise werk
11 beestis; but the entrailis of wickid men *ben* cruel. He that
worchith his lond, schal be fillid with looues; but he that
sueth idilnesse, is moost fool. He that is swete, lyueth in
temperaunces; and in hise monestyngis he forsakith dis
12 pisyngis. The desir of a wickid man is the memorial of
worste thingis; but the roote of iust men schal encreesse.
13 For the synnes of lippis falling doun neijeth to an yuel
14 man; but a iust man schal scape fro angwisch. Of the
fruyt of his mouth ech man schal be fillid with goodis; and
bi the werkis of hise hondis it schal be ȝoldun to him.
15 The weie of a fool is riȝtful in hise iȝen; but he that is wijs,
16 herith counsels. A fool schewith anoon his ire; but he that

17 dissymelith wiengis, is wijs. He that spekith that, that he knowith, is a iuge of *riȝtfulnesse*; but he that lieth, is a 18 gileful witnesse. A man is that bihetith, and he is prickid as with the swerd of conscience; but the tunge of wise men is 19 helthe. The lippe of treuthe schal be stidfast with-outen ende; but he that is a sudeyn witnesse, makith redi the 20 tunge of leesyng. Gile *is* in the herte of hem that thenken yuels; but ioye sueth hem, that maken counsels of pees. 21 What euere bifallith to a iust man, it schal not make hym 22 sori; but wickid men schulen be fillid with yuel. False lippis is abhominacioun to the Lord; but thei that don 23 feithfuli, plesen him. A fel man hilith kunnynge; and the 24 herte of vnwise men stirith foli. The hond of stronge men schal haue lordschip; but the hond that is slow, schal serue 25 to tributis. Morenyng in the herte of a iust man schal make hym meke; and he schal be maad glad bi a good 26 word. He that dispisith harm for a frend, is a iust man; 27 but the weie of wickid men schal disseyue hem. A gileful man schal not fynde wynnyng; and the substaunce of man 28 schal be the prijs of gold. Lijf *is* in the path of *riȝtfulnesse*; but the wrong weie leedith to deeth.

CAP. XIII.

1 A wijs sone *is* the teching of the fadir; but he that is 2 a scorner, herith not, whanne he is repreuyd. A man schal be fillid with goodis of the fruit of his mouth; but the soule 3 of vpitouse men *is* wickid. He that kepith his mouth, 4 kepith his soule; but he that is vnwar to speke, schal feel yuels. A slow man wole, and wole not; but the soule of 5 hem that worchen schal be maad fat. A iust man schal wlate a fals word; but a wickid man schendith, and schal be 6 schent. *Riȝtfulnesse* kepith the weie of an innocent man;

7 but wickidnesse disseyueth a synnere. A man is as riche,
 whanne he hath no thing ; and a man is as pore, whanne he
 8 is in many richessis. Redempcioun of the soule of man *is*
 hise richessis ; but he that is pore, suffrith not blamynge.
 9 The *list* of iust men makith glad ; but the lanterne of wickid
 10 men schal be quenchid. Stryues ben euere a-mong proude
 men ; but thei that don alle thingis with counsel, ben
 11 gouerned bi wisdom. Hastid catel schal be maad lesse ;
 but that that is gaderid litil and litil with hond, schal be
 12 multiplied. Hope which is dilaied, turmentith the soule ;
 13 a tre of lijf *is* desir comyng. He that bacbitith ony thing,
 byndith hym silf in to tyme to comynge ; but he that dredith
 14 the comaundement, schal lyue in pees. The lawe of a wise
 man *is* a welle of lijf ; that he bowe awei fro the falling of
 15 deth. Good teching schal *ȝ*yue grace ; a swolowe *is* in the
 16 weie of dispiseris. A fel man doith alle thingis with counsel ;
 17 but he that is a fool, schal opene foli. The messanger of
 a wickid man schal falle in to yuel ; a feithful messanger is
 18 helthe. Nedynesse and schenschip *is* to him that forsakith
 techyng ; but he that assentith to a blamere, schal be
 19 glorified. Desir, if it is fillid, delitith the soule ; foolis
 20 wlaten hem that fleen yuels. He that goith with wijs men,
 schal be wijs ; the freend of foolis schal be maad lijk hem.
 21 Yuel pursueth synneris ; and goodis schulen be ȝoldun to
 22 iust men. A good man schal leeue *aftir him* eiris, sones,
 and the sones of sones ; and the catel of a synnere is kept to
 23 a iust man. Many meetis *ben* in the new tilid feedlis of
 24 fadris ; and ben gaderid to othere men with-out doom. He
 that sparith the ȝerde, hatith his sone ; but he that loueth
 25 him, techith bisili. A iust man etith, and fillith his soule ;
 but the wombe of wickid men *is* vnable to be fillid.

CAP. XIV.

1 A wijs womman bildith hir hous ; and an unwijs womman
 2 schal distrie with hondis an hous bildid. A man goyng in
 3 riȝtful weie, and dredinge God, is dispisid of hym, that goith
 4 in a weie of yuel fame. The ȝerde of pride *is* in the mouth
 5 of a fool ; the lippis of wijs men kepen hem. Where oxis
 6 ben not, the cratche is void ; but where ful many cornes
 7 apperen, there the strengthe of oxe is opyn. A feithful
 8 witnesse schal not lie ; a gileful witnesse bringith forth a
 9 leesing. A scornere sekith wisdom, and he syndith not ; the
 10 teching of prudent men *is* esy. Go thou aȝens a man a
 11 fool : and he schal not knowe the lippis of prudence. The
 12 wisdom of a fel man is to vndirstonde his weie ; and the
 13 vnwarnesse of foolis errith. A fool scorneth synne ; grace
 14 schal dwelle among iust men. The herte that knowith the
 15 bittirnesse of his soule ; a straunger schal not be medlid in
 16 the ioie therof. The hous of wickid men schal be don
 17 awei ; the tabernaclis of iust men schulen buriowne. Sotheli
 18 a weie is, that semeth iust to a man ; but the laste thingis
 19 therof leden forth to deth. Leiȝyng schal be medlid with
 20 sorewe ; and morenyng occupieth the laste thingis of ioye.
 21 A fool schal be fillid with hise weies ; and a good man schal
 22 be aboue hym. An innocent man bileueth to eche word ;
 23 a felle man biholdith hise goyngis. A wijs man dredith, and
 24 bowith awei fro yuel ; a fool skippith ouer, and tristith.
 25 A man vnpacient schal worche foli ; and a gileful man is
 26 odiouse. Litle men *of wit* schulen holde foli ; and felle men
 27 schulen abide kunningg. Yuel men schulen ligge bifor
 28 goode men ; and vnpitouse men bifor the ȝatis of iust men.
 29 A pore man schal be hateful, ȝhe, to his neȝbore ; but many
 30 men *ben* frendis of riche men. He that dispisith his neȝbore,
 31 doith synne ; but he that doith merci to a pore man, schal

22 be blessid. He that billeueth in the Lord, loueth merci; thei
 23 erren that worchen yuel. Merci and treuthe maken redi
 24 goodis; abundaunce schal be in ech good werk. Sotheli
 25 where ful many wordis ben, there nedynesse is ofte. The
 26 coroun of wise men *is* the richessis of hem; the fooli of
 27 foolis *is* vnwarnesse. A feithful witnesse delyuereth soulis;
 28 and a fals man bringith forth leesyngis. In the drede of the
 29 Lord *is* triste of strengthe; and hope schal be to the sones
 30 of it.¹ The drede of the Lord *is* a welle of lijf; that it bowe
 31 awei fro the fallyng of deth. The dignite of the king *is* in
 32 the multitude of puple; and the schenschipe of a prince *is* in
 33 the fewnesse of puple. He that is pacient, is gouerned bi
 34 myche wisdom; but he that is vnpacient, enhaunsith his foli.
 35 Helthe of herte *is* the lijf of fleischis; enuye *is* rot of
 36 boonyss. He that falsli chalengith a nedī man, dispisith his
 37 maker; but he that hath merci on a pore man, onourith that
 38 makere. A wickid man is put out for his malice; but a iust
 39 man hopith in his deth. Wisdom restith in the herte of a
 40 wijs man; and he schal teche alle vnlerned men. Riȝtful-
 41 nesse reisith a folc; synne makith puplis wretchis. A
 42 mynystre vndurstondyne is acceptable to a kyng; a *mynystre*
 43 viprofitable schal suffre the wrathfulness of him.

CAP. XV.

1 A SOFT answere brekith ire; an hard word reisith wood-
 2 nesse. The tunge of wise men ourneth kunnyngh; the
 3 mouth of foolis buylith out foli. In ech place the iȝen of
 4 the Lord biholden good men, and yuel men. A plesaunt
 5 tunge *is* the tre of lijf; but the tunge which is vnmesurable,
 schal defoule the spirit. A fool scorneth the techyng of
 his fadir; but he that kepith blamyngis, schal be maad
 wisere. Moost vertu schal be in plenteuouse riȝtfulnessse;

but the thouȝtis of wickid men schulen be drawun vp bi
 6 the roote. The hous of a iust man *is* moost strengthe ;
 7 and disturbing *is* in the fruitis of a wickid man. The
 8 lippis of wise men schulen sowe abrood kunnynge ; the
 9 herte of foolis schal be vnlijc. The sacrifices of wickyd
 10 men *ben* abhomynable to the Lord ; avowis of iust men
 11 *ben* plesaunt. The liȝt of the vnpitouse man is abhomyn-
 acioun to the Lord ; he that sueth riȝtfulnesse, schal be
 12 loued of the Lord. Yuel teching is of men forsakinge the
 13 weie of liȝt; he that hatith blamynge, schal die. Helle
 14 and perdicioun *ben open* bifor the Lord ; hou myche more
 15 the hertis of sones of men. A man ful of pestilence loueth
 not hym that repreueth him ; and he goith not to wyse
 16 men. A ioiful herte makith glad the face ; the spirit is
 17 cast doun in the morenyng of soule. The herte of a wijs
 man sekith techyng ; and the mouth of foolis is fed with
 18 vnkunnynge. Alle the daies of a pore man *ben* yuele ; a sikir
 19 soule *is* a contynuel feeste. Betere is a litil with the drede
 20 of the Lord, than many tresouris and vnsfillable. It is betere
 to be clepid to wortis with charite, than with hatrede to
 21 a calf maad fat. A wrathful man reisith chidyngis ; he that
 22 is pacient, swagith *chidyngis* reisid. The weie of slow men
 is an hegge of thornes ; the weie of iust men *is* with-out
 23 hirtyng. A wise sone makith glad the fadir ; and a fonned
 24 man dispiseth his modir. Foli is ioye to a fool ; and a
 25 prudent man schal dresse hise steppis. Thouȝtis ben dis-
 tried, where no counsel is ; but where many counseleris ben,
 26 tho ben confermyd. A man is glad in the sentence of his
 mouth ; and a couenable word is best. The path of liȝt
 is on a lernyd man ; that he bowe awei fro the laste helle.
 27 The Lord schal distrie the hows of proude men ; and he
 28 schal make stidesfast the coostis of a widewe. Iuele thouȝtis
 is abhomynacioun of the Lord ; and a cleene word moost

27 fair schal be maad stidfast of hym. He that sueth aueryce,
 disturblith his hous; but he that hatith ȝiftis schal lyue.
 Synnes ben purgid bi merci and seith; ech man bowith
 28 awei fro yuel bi the drede of the Lord. The soule of a iust
 man bithenkith obedience; the mouth of wickid men is ful
 29 of yuelis. The Lord is fer fro wickid men; and he schal
 30 here the preyers of iust men. The liȝt of iȝen makith glad
 31 the soule; good fame makith fat the boony. The eere
 that herith the blamyngis of liȝf, schal dwelle in the myddis
 32 of wise men. He that castith awei chastisyg, dispisith his
 33 soule; but he that assentith to blamyngis, is pesible holdere
 of the herte. The drede of the Lord is teching of wisdom;
 and mekenesse goith bifore glorie.

CAP. XVI.

1 It perteyneth to man to make redi the soule; and *it per-*
2 tyneth to the Lord to gourne the tung. Alle the weies
 of men ben opyn to the iȝen of God; the Lord is a weiere
 3 of spiritis. Schewe thi werkys to the Lord; and thi thouȝtis
 4 schulen be dressid. The Lord wrouȝte alle thingis for hym
 5 silf; and he *made redi* a wickid man to the yuel dai. Abho-
 6 mlynacioun of the Lord is ech proude man; ȝhe, thouȝ the
 hond is to the hond, he schal not be innocent. The bigyn-
 nyng of good weie *is* to do riȝtwisnesse; forsothe it is more
 7 acceptable at God, than to offre sacrifices. Wickidnesse is
 aȝen-bouȝt bi merci and treuthe; and me bowith awei fro
 8 yuel bi the drede of the Lord. Whanne the weyes of man
 plesen the Lord, he schal conuerte, ȝhe, hise enemyes to
 9 spees. Betere is a litil with riȝtfulnessse, than many fruytis
 with wickidnesse. The herte of a man schal dispose his
 weie; but it perteyneth to the Lord to dresse his steppis.
 10 Dyuynyng *is* in the lippis of a king; his mouth schal not

11 erre in doom. The domes of the Lord ben weizte and a
 balauance; and hise werkis *ben* alle the stoonys of the world.
 12 Thei that don wickidli *ben* abhomynable to the king; for
 13 the trone of the *rewome* is maad stidfast bi riȝtfulnesse. The
 wille of kyngis *is* iust lippis; he that spekith riȝtful thingis,
 14 schal be dressid. Indignacioun of the kyng *is* messangeris
 15 of deth; and a wijs man schal plese him. Lijf *is* in the
 gladnesse of the cheer of the king; and his merci *is* as
 16 a reyn comynge late. Welde thou wisdom, for it is betere
 than gold; and gete thou prudence, for it is precyousere
 17 than siluer. The path of iust men bowith awei yuelis; the
 18 kepere of his soule kepith his weie. Pride goith bisore
 sorewe; and the spirit schal be enhaunsid byfor fallyng.
 19 It is betere to be maad meke with mylde men, than to
 20 departe spuylis with proude men. A lerned man in word
 schal synde goodis; and he that hopith in the Lord is
 21 blessid. He that is wijs in herte, schal be clepid prudent;
 and he that is swete in speche, schal synde greitere thingis.
 22 The welle of lijf *is* the lernyng of him that weldieth; the
 23 techyng of foolis *is* foli. The herte of a wijs man schal
 teche his mouth; and schal encreesse grace to hise lippis.
 24 Wordis wel set togidere *is* a coomb of hony; helthe of
 25 boonys *is* the swetnesse of soule. A weye is that semeth
 riȝtful to a man; and the laste thingis therof leden to deth.
 26 The soule of a man trauelinge trauelith to hym silf; for
 27 his mouth compellide hym. An vniwijs man diggith yuel;
 28 and fier brenneth in hise lippis. A weiward man reisith
 29 stryues; and a man ful of wordis departith princis. A
 wickid man flaterith his friend; and ledith hym bi a weie
 30 not good. He that thenkith schrewid thingis with iȝen
 31 astonyed, bitith hise lippis, and parformeth yuel. A coroun
 of dignyte *is* eelde, that schal be foundun in the weies of
 32 riȝtfulnesse. A pacient man is betere than a stronge man;

and he that is lord of his soule, *is betere* than an ouer-
 33 comere of citees. Lottis ben sent into the bosum; but tho
 ben temperid of the Lord.

CAP. XVII.

1 BETERE is a drie mussel with ioye, than an hous ful of
 2 sacrifices with chidyng. A wijs seruaunt schal be lord of
 3 sonned sones; and he schal departe eritage among bri-
 3 theren. As siluer is preued bi fier, and gold *is preued* bi
 4 a chymnei, so the Lord preueth hertis. An yuel man
 5 obeith to a wickid tunge; and a fals man obeith to false
 5 lippis. He that dispisith a pore man, repreueth his maker;
 6 not be vnpunyschid. The coroun of elde men *is* the sones
 7 of sones; and the glorie of sones *is* the fadris of hem.
 7 Wordis wel set togidere bisemen not a fool; and a liyng
 8 lippe *bicometh* not a prince. A preciouse stoon moost ac-
 ceptable *is* the abiding of hym that sekith; whidur euere
 9 he turneth hym silf, he vndurstondith prudentli. He that
 helith trespass, sekith frenschipis; he that rehersith bi an
 hiȝ word, departith hem, that ben knyt togidere in pees.
 10 A blamynge profitith more at a prudent man, than an
 11 hundryd woundis at a fool. Euere an yuel man sekith
 12 stryues; forsothe a cruel aungel schal be sent aȝens hym. It
 spedith more to meete a femal bere, whanne the whelpis ben
 13 rauyschid, than a fool tristynge to hym silf in his foli. Yuel
 schal not go a-wei fro the hous of hym, that ȝeldith yuels
 14 for goodis. He that leeueth watir, is heed of stryues; and
 15 bifor that he suffrith wrong, he forsakith dom. Bothe he
 that iustifieth a wickid man, and he that condempneth a iust
 16 man, euer ethir is abhomynable at God. What profitith
 it to a fool to haue richessis, sithen he mai not bie wisdom?

He that makith his hous hiȝ, sekith falling ; and he that
 1; eschewith to lerne, schal falle in to yuels. He that is a
 frend, loueth in al tyme ; and a brother is preuyd in ang-
 18 wischis. A sonned man schal make ioie with bondis, whanne
 19 he hath bibriȝt for his frend. He that bithenkith discordis,
 loueth chidingis ; and he that enhaunsith his mouth, sekith
 20 sallyng. He that is of weiward herte, schal not fynde good ;
 21 and he that turneth the tunge, schal falle in to yuel. A fool
 is borun in his schenschipe ; but nether the fadir schal be
 22 glad in a fool. A ioiful soule makith likinge age ; a sorew-
 23 ful spirit makith drie boonys. A wickid man takith ȝiftis
 24 fro the bosum, to mys turne the pathis of doom. Wisdom
 schyneth in the face of a prudent man ; the iȝen of foolis
 25 ben in the endis of erthe. A sonned sone is the ire of the
 26 fadir, and the sorewe of the modir that gendride hym. It
 is not good to brynge in harm to a iust man ; nether to
 27 smyte the prince that demeth riȝtfuli. He that mesurith
 his wordis, is wijs and prudent ; and a lerud man is of
 28 preciouse spirit. Also a foole, if he is stille, schal be gessid
 a wijs man ; and, if he pressith togidre hise lippis, *he schal*
be gessid an vndurstondyng man.

CAP. XVIII.

1 He that wole go a-wei fro a frend, sekith occasiouns ;
 2 in al tyme he schal be dispisable. A fool resseyueth not
 the wordis of prudence ; no-but thou seie tho thingis, that
 3 ben turned in his herte. A wickid man, whanne he cometh
 in to depthe of synnes, dispisith ; but sclaundre and schen-
 4 schipe sueth hym. Deep watir is the wordis of the mouth
 of a man ; and a stronde fletinge ouer is the welle of wis-
 5 dom. It is not good to take the persoone of a wickid man
 6 in doom. that thou bowe awei fro the treuthe of dom. The

lippis of a fool medlen hem silf with chidyngis; and his
 7 mouth excitith stryues. The mouth of a fool *is* defoulyng
 s of hym; and hise lippis *ben* the fallynge of his soule. The
 wordis of a double tungid man *ben* as symple; and tho
 comen til to the ynnere thingis of the wombe. Drede
 castith doun a slowe man; forsothe the soulis of men turned
 9 in to wymmens condicoun schulen haue hungur. He that
 is neisch, and vnstidfast in his werk, is the brother of a man
 10 distriyng hise werkis. A strongeste tour *is* the name of
 the Lord; a iust man renneth to hym, and schal be en-
 11 haunsid. The catel of a riche man *is* the citee of his
 12 strengthe; and as a stronge wal cumpassinge hym. The
 herte of man is enhaunsid, bifor that it be brokun; and
 13 it is maad meke, bifore that it be glorified. He that an-
 swerith bifore that he herith, shewith hym silf to be a fool;
 14 and worthi of schenschipe. The spirit of a man susteyneth
 his seblenesse; but who may susteyne a spirit *list* to be
 15 wrooth? The herte of a prudent man schal holde stid-
 fastli kunning; and the eere of wise men sekith techyng.
 16 The *ȝift* of a man alargith his weie; and makith space to
 17 hym bifore princes. A iust man is the first accusere of
 18 hym silf; his frend cometh, and schal serche hym. Lot
 ceessith *ȝenseiyngis*; and demeth also among miȝti men.
 19 A brother that is helpid of a brothir, *is* as a stidfast citee;
 20 and domes *ben* as the barris of citees. A mannes wombe
 schal be fillid of the fruit of his mouth; and the seedis of
 21 hise lippis schulen fille hym. Deth and lijf *ben* in the werkis
 of tunge; thei that louen it, schulen ete the fruytis therof.
 22 He that syndith a good womman, syndith a good thing;
 and of the Lord he schal drawe vp myrthe. He that puttith
 a wey a good womman, puttith awei a good thing; but he
 23 that holdith auowtresse, is a fool and vniwys. A pore man
 schal speke with bisechingis; and a riche man schal speke

24 sterneli. A man freendli to felouschipe schal more be a frend, than a brothir.

CAP. XIX.

1 BETERE is a pore man, that goith in his simplenesse, than
 2 a riche man bitynge hise lippis, and vniwijs. Where is not
 3 kunningyng of the soule, is not good; and he that is hasti,
 4 in feet hirtith. The foli of a man disseyueth hise steppis;
 5 and he brenneth in his soule aȝens God. Richessis en-
 creessen ful many frendis; forsothe also thei ben departid
 6 fro a pore man, whiche he hadde. A fals witnesse schal
 7 not be vnpunyschid; and he that spekith leesingis, schal
 8 not ascape. Many men onouren the persoone of a myȝti
 9 man; and ben frendis of hym that deelith ȝiftis. The
 britheren of a pore man haten hym; ferthermore and the
 10 frendis ȝeden awei fer fro hym. He that sueth wordis
 11 oonli, schal haue no thing; but he that holdith stabli the
 mynde, loueth his soule, and the keperie of prudence schal
 12 synde goodis. A fals witnesse schal not be vnpunyschid;
 13 and he that spekith leesyngis, schal perische. Delices bi-
 comen not a fool; nether *it bicometh* a seruaunt to be lord
 14 of princes. The teching of a man is knowun bi pacience;
 15 and his glorie is to passe ouere wickid thingis. As the
 gnasting of a lioun, so and the ire of the king; and as
 16 deewe on eerbe, so and the gladnesse of the kyng. The
 sorewe of the fadir *is* a sonned sone; and roofes droppynge
 17 contynueli *is* a womman ful of chiding. Housis and riches-
 sis ben ȝouun of fadir and modir; but a prudent wiȝf *is*
 18 ȝouun propirli of the Lord. Slouth bringith in sleep; and
 19 a negligent soule schal haue hungur. He that kepith the
 comaunderement of *God*, kepith his soule; but he that chargith
 20 not his weie, schal be slain. He that hath mercy on a pore
 man, leeneth to the Lord; and he schal ȝelde his while to

18 hym. Teche thi sone, and dispeire thou not ; but sette thou
 19 not thi soule to the sleyng of hym. Forsothe he that is
 vnpacient, schal suffre harm ; and whanne he hath rauyschid,
 20 he schal leie to another thing. Here thou counsel, and take
 21 thou doctryny ; that thou be wijs in thi laste thingis. Many
 thouȝtis *ben* in the herte of a man ; but the wille of the
 22 Lord schal dwelle. A nedī man is merciful ; and betere
 23 *is* a pore iust man, than a man liere. The drede of the
 Lord *ledith* to lijf of blis ; and he *that dredith* God schal
 24 dwelle in plentee, with-outen visityng of the worste. A slow
 man hidith his hond vndur the armpit ; and putteth it not
 25 to his mouth. Whanne a man ful of pestilence is betun,
 a fool schal be wisere. If thou blamist a wijs man, he schal
 26 vndurstonde techyng. He that tormentith the fadir, and
 fleeth fro the modir, schal be ful of yuel fame, and *schal*
 27 *be* cursid. Sone, ceesse thou not to here techyng ; and
 28 knowe thou the wordis of kunningyng. A wickid witnesse
 scorneth doom ; and the mouth of vnpitouse men deuourith
 29 wickidnesse. Domes ben maad redi to scorneris ; and
 hameris smytynge *ben maad redi* to the bodies of foolis.

CAP. XX.

1 WIYN *is* a letcherouse thing, and drunkenesse *is* ful of
 2 noise ; who euere delitith in these, schal not be wijs. As
 the roryng of a lioun, so and the drede of the kyng ; he that
 3 territh hym to ire, synneth aȝens his owne lijf. It is onour
 to a man that departith hym silf fro struyngis ; but sonned
 4 men ben medlid with dispisyngis. A slow man nolde ere for
 coold ; therfor he schal begge in somer, and me schal not
 5 ȝyue to hym. As deep watir, so counsel *is* in the herte of
 6 a man ; but a wijs man schal drawe it out. Many men ben
 7 clepid merciful ; but who schal synde a feithful man ? For-

sothe a iust man that goith in his simplenesse, schal leeue
 8 blessid sones aftir hym. A king that sittith in the seete of
 9 doom, distrieth al yuel bi his lokyng. Who may seie, Myn
 10 herte is clene; Y am clene of synne? A weȝte and a
 weȝte, a mesure and a mesure, euer eithir is abhomynable at
 11 God. A child is vndurstoned bi hise studies, yf his werkis
 12 ben riȝtful and cleene. An eere heringe, and an iȝe seyng,
 13 God made euere eithir. Nyle thou loue sleep, lest nedynesse
 opprese thee; opene thin iȝen, and be thou fillid with
 14 looues. Ech biere seith, It is yuel, it is yuel; and whanne
 15 he hath go awey, thanne he schal haue glorie. Gold, and
 the multitude of iemmes, and a preciouse vessel, *ben* the
 16 lippis of kunning. Take thou awei the cloth of hym, that
 was borewe of an othere man; and for straungeris take
 17 thou awei a wed fro hym. The breed of a leesing is sweet
 to a man; and aftirward his mouth schal be fillid with
 18 rikenyng. Thouȝtis *ben* maad strong bi counselis; and
 19 bateils schulen be tretid bi gouernals. Be thou not medlid
 with him that schewith pruyetees, and goith gylefulli, and
 20 alargith hise lippis. The liȝt of hym that cursith his fadir
 and modir, schal be quenchid in the myddis of derknessis.
 21 Eritage to which me haastith in the bigynnyng, schal wante
 22 blessing in the laste *tyme*. Seie thou not, I schal ȝelde yuel
 for yuel; abide thou the Lord, and he schal delyuere thee.
 23 Abhomynacioun at God is weȝte and weȝte; a gileful
 24 balauance is not good. The steppis of man ben dressid of
 the Lord; who forsothe of men mai vndurstonde his weie?
 25 Falling of man is to make auow to seytis, and aftirward to
 26 withdrawe the vowis. A wijs kyng scaterith wickid men;
 27 and bowith a bouwe of victorie ouer hem. The lanterne
 of the Lord *is* the spirit of man, that sekith out alle the
 28 priuetees of the wombe. Merci and treuthe kepen a kyng;
 29 and his trone is maad strong bi mekenesse. The ful out

ioyng of ȝonge men *is* the strengthe of hem ; and the
 30 dignyte of elde men *is* hoornesse. The wannesse of wounde
 schal wipe aweie yuels, and woundis in the priuyere thingis
 of the wombe.

CAP. XXI.

1 As departyngis of watriis, so the herte of the kyng *is* in the
 power of the Lord ; whidur euer he wole, he schal bowe it.
 2 Ech weye of a man semeth riȝtful to hym silf ; but the Lord
 3 peisith the hertis. To do merci and doom, plesith more the
 4 Lord, than sacrifices *doen*. Enhaunsyng of iȝen is alargyng
 5 of the herte ; the lanterne of wickid men *is* synne. The
 thouȝtis of a stronge man *ben* euere in abundaunce ; but ech
 6 slow man is euere in nedynesse. He that gaderith tresours
 bi the tunge of a leesing, is veyne, and with-outen herte ;
 7 and he schal be hurtlid to the snaris of deth. The raueyns
 of vnpitouse men schulen drawe hem doun ; for thei nolden
 8 do doom. The weiward weie of a man is alien fro God ;
 9 but the werk of hym that is cleene, is riȝtful. It is betere to
 sitte in the corner of an hous with-oute roof, than with a
 10 womman ful of chydynge, and in a comyn hous. The soule
 of an vnpitouse man desirith yuel ; he schal not haue merci
 11 on his neiȝbore. Whanne a man ful of pestilence is
 punyschid, a litil man *of wit* schal be the wisere ; and if he
 12 sueth a wijs man, he schal take kunnyng. A iust man of
 the hous of a wickid man thenkith, to withdrawe wickid men
 13 fro yuel. He that stoppith his eere at the cry of a pore
 14 man, schal crye also, and schal not be herd. A ȝift hid
 quenchith chidyngis ; and a ȝift in bosum *quenchith* the
 15 moost indignacioun. It is ioye to a iust man to make
 doom ; and *it is* drede to hem that worchen wickidnesse.
 16 A man that errith fro the weie of doctryne, schal dwelle in the
 17 cumpany of giauntis. He that loueth metis, schal be in

nedynesse ; he that loueth wiyn and fatte thingis, schal not
 18 be maad riche. An unpitouse man schal be ȝouun for a iust
 19 man ; and a wickid man *schal be ȝouun* for a riȝtful man. It
 is betere to dwelle in a desert lond, than with a womman ful
 20 of chidyng, and wrathful. Desirable tresoure and oile *is* in
 the dwelling places of a iust man ; and an vnprudent man
 21 schal distrie it. He that sueth riȝtfulness and mercy, schal
 22 fynde lijf and glorie. A wijs man stiede in to the citee of
 23 stronge men, and distriede the strengthe of trist therof. He
 that kepith his mouth and his tunge, kepith his soule from
 24 angwischis. A proude man and boosteere is clepid a fool,
 25 that worchith pride in ire. Desiris sleen a slow man ; for
 26 hise hondis nolden worche ony thing. Al dai he coueitith
 and desirith ; but he that is a iust man, schal ȝyue, and schal
 27 not ceesse. The offringis of wickid men, that ben offrid of
 28 greet trespass, *ben* abhomynable. A fals witnesse schal
 29 perische ; a man obedient schal speke victorie. A wickid
 man makith sad his cheer vnschamefastli ; but he that is
 30 riȝtful, amendith his weie. No wisdom is, no prudence is,
 31 no counsel is ȝens the Lord. An hors is maad redi to the
 dai of batel ; but the Lord schal ȝyue helthe.

CAP. XXII.

1 BETERE is a good name, than many richessis ; for good
 2 grace *is* aboue siluer and gold. A riche man and a
 pore man metten hem silf; the Lord is worchere of euer
 3 eithir. A felle man seeth yuel, and hidith him silf ; and an
 4 innocent man passid, and he was turmentid bi harm. The
 ende of temperaunce *is* the drede of the Lord ; richessis, and
 5 glorye, and lijf. Armuris and swerdis *ben* in the weie of
 a weiward man ; but the keper of his soule goith awei fer
 6 fro tho. It is a prouerbe, A ȝong wexyng man bisidis his

weie, and whanne he hath wexe elde, he schal not go awei
 7 fro it. A riche man comaundith to pore men; and he that
 8 takith borewyng, is the seruaunt of the leenere. He that
 9 sowith wickidnes, schal repe yuels; and the ȝerde of his yre
 10 schal be endid. He that is redi to merci, schal be blessid;
 for of his looues he ȝaf to a pore man. He that ȝyueth
 11 ȝifis, schal gete victorie and onour; forsothe he takith awei
 12 the soule of the takeris. Caste thou out a scorner, and
 13 strijf schal go out with hym; and causis and dispisyngis
 14 schulen ceesse. He that loueth the cleanness of herte, schal
 15 haue the kyng a freend, for the grace of hise lippis. The
 16 iȝen of the Lord kepen kunning; and the wordis of a
 17 wickid man ben disseyued. A slow man schal seie, A lioun
 18 is withoutforth; Y schal be slain in the myddis of the
 19 stretis. The mouth of an alien womman is a deep diche; he
 20 to whom the Lord is wrooth, schal falle in to it. Foli is
 21 boundun togidere in the herte of a child; and a ȝerde of
 22 chastisyng schal dryue it away. He that falsli chalength
 23 a pore man, to encreesse hise owne richessis, schal ȝyue to
 24 a richere man, and schal be ned. My sone, bowe doun thin
 25 eere, and here thou the wordis of wise men; but sette thou
 the herte to my techyng. That schal be fair to thee, whanne
 thou hast kept it in thin herte, and it schal flowe aȝen in thi
 26 lippis. That thi trist be in the Lord; whersor and Y haue
 27 schewid it to thee to-dai. Lo! Y haue discryued it in thre
 28 maneres, in thouȝtis and kunning, that Y schulde schewe to
 thee the sadnessse and spechis of trewthe; to answere of
 29 these thingis to hem, that senten thee. Do thou not violence
 to a pore man, for he is pore; nethir defoule thou a ned
 30 man in the ȝate. For the Lord schal deme his cause, and
 31 he schal turmente hem, that tormentiden his soule. Nyle
 32 thou be freend to a wrathful man, nether go thou with a
 33 wood man; lest perauenture thou lerne hise weies, and take

26 sclaudir to thi soule. Nyle thou be with hem that oblischen
 27 her hondis, and that proseren hem silf borewis for dettis ; for
 if he hath not wherof he schal restore, what of cause is, that
 28 thou take awei hilyng fro thi bed ? Go thou not ouer the
 29 elde markis, whiche thi faders han set. Thou hast seyn a
 man smert in his werk ; he schal stonde bisore kyngis, and
 he schal not be bisor vnnoble men.

CAP. XXIII.

1 WHANNE thou sittist, to ete with the prince, perseyue thou
 2 diligentli what thingis ben set bisore thi face, and sette thou
 a withholding in thi throte. If netholes thou hast power on
 3 thi soule, desire thou not of his metis, in whom is the breed
 4 of a leesing. Nyle thou trauele to be maad riche, but sette
 5 thou mesure to thi prudence. Reise not thin iȝen to richessis,
 whiche thou maist not haue ; for tho schulen make to hem
 silf pennes, as of an egle, and tho schulen flee in to heuene.
 6 Ete thou not with an enuyouse man, and desire thou not hisse
 7 metis ; for at the licesse of a fals dyuynour and of a
 coniectere, he gessith that, that he knowith not. He schal
 seie to thee, Ete thou and drinke ; and his soule is not with
 8 thee. Thou schalt brake out the metis, whiche thou hast
 9 ete ; and thou schalt leese thi faire wordis. Speke thou not
 in the eeris of vnwise men ; for thei schulen dispise the
 10 teching of thi speche. Touche thou not the termes of litle
 children ; and entre thou not in to the feeld of fadirles and
 11 modirles children. For the neȝbore of hem is strong, and
 12 he schal deme her cause aȝens thee. Thin herte entre to
 techyng, and thin eeris *be redi* to the wordis of kunning.
 13 Nile thou withdrawe chastisyng fro a child ; for thouȝ thou
 14 smyte hym with a ȝerde, he schal not die. Thou schalt
 smyte hym with a ȝerde, and thou schalt delyuere his soule

15 fro helle. Mi sone, if thi soule is wijs, myn herte schal haue
 16 ioye with thee; and my reynes schulen make ful out ioye,
 17 whanne thi lippis speken riȝtful thing. Thin herte sue not
 18 synneris; but be thou in the drede of the Lord al dai. For
 thou schalt haue hope at the laste, and thin abidyng schal
 19 not be don awei. Mi sone, here thou, and be thou wijs, and
 20 dresse thi soule in the weie. Nyle thou be in the feestis of
 drinkeris, nether in the oſte etyngis of hem, that bryngen
 21 togidere fleischis to ete. For men ȝyuynge tent to drinkis,
 and ȝyuynge mussels togidere, schulen be waastid, and napp-
 22 ing schal be clothid with clothis. Here thi fadir, that
 gendride thee; and dispise not thi modir, whanne sche is
 23 eld. Bie thou treuthe, and nyle thou sille wisdom, and
 24 doctryn, and vndurstonding. The fadir of a iust man ioieth
 ful out with ioie; he that gendride a wijs man, schal be glad
 25 in hym. Thi fadir and thi modir haue ioye, and he that
 26 gendride thee, make ful out ioye. My sone, ȝyue thin herte
 27 to me, and thin iȝen kepe my weyes. For an hoore is a
 28 deep diche, and an alien *womman* is a streit pit. Sche settith
 aspie in the weie, as a theef; and sche schal sle hem, whiche
 29 sche schal se vnwar. To whom *is* wo? to whos fadir *is*
 wo? to whom *ben* chidingis? to whom *ben* dichis? to
 whom *ben* woundis with-out cause? to whom *is* putyng out
 30 of iȝen? Whether not to hem, that dwellen in wyn, and
 31 studien to drynke al of cuppis? Biholde thou not wyn,
 whanne it sparclith, whanne the colour therof schyneth in
 32 a ver. It entrith swetli, but at the laste it schal bite as an
 eddre *doilh*, and as a cocatrice it schal schede abrood venyms.
 33 Thin iȝen schulen se straunge wymmen, and thi herte schal
 34 speke weiwerd thingis. And thou schalt be as a man
 slepinge in the myddis of the see, and as a gouernour aslepid,
 35 whanne the steere is lost. And thou schalt seie, Thei beeten
 me, but Y hadde not sorewe; thei drowen me, and Y feelide

not; whanne schal Y wake out, and Y schal synde wynes eft?

CAP. XXIV.

1 SUE thou not yuele men, desire thou not to be with hem.
 2 For the soule of hem bithenkith rauelyns, and her lippis speken
 3 fraudis. An hous schal be bildid bi wisdom, and schal be
 4 maad strong bi prudence. Celeris schulen be fillid in teching,
 5 al riches preciouuse and ful fair. A wijs man is strong, and a
 6 lerned man is stalworth and miȝti. For-whi batel is bigunnun
 with ordenaunce, and helthe schal be, where many counsels
 7 ben. Wisdom *is* hiȝ to a fool; in the ȝate he schal not opene
 8 his mouth. He that thenkith to do yuels, schal be clepid a
 9 fool. The thouȝte of a fool is synne; and a bacbitere *is*
 10 abhomynacioun of men. If thou that hast slide, dispeirist in
 11 the dai of angwisch, thi strengthe schal be maad lesse. Dely-
 uere thou hem, that ben led to deth; and ceesse thou not
 12 to delyuere hem, that ben drawun to deth. If thou seist,
 Strengthis suffisen not; he that is biholdere of the herte, vn-
 dirstondith, and no thing disseyueth the keperie of thi soule,
 13 and he schal ȝelde to a man bi hise werkis. Mi sone, ete thou
 hony, for *it is* good; and an honycomb ful swete to thi throte.
 14 So and the techyng of wisdom *is good* to thi soule; and
 whanne thou hast founde it, thou schalt haue hope in the
 15 laste thingis, and thin hope schal not perische. Aspie thou
 not, and seke not wickidnesse in the hous of a iust man,
 16 nether waste thou his reste. For a iust man schal falle seuene
 sithis *in the dai*, and schal rise aȝen; but wickid men schulen
 17 falle in to yuele. Whanne thin enemye fallith, haue thou not
 18 ioye; and thin herte haue not ful out ioiyng in his fal; lest
 perauenture the Lord se, and it disples hym, and he take
 19 awei his ire fro hym. Stryue thou not with the worste men,
 20 nether sue thou wickid men. For whi yuele men han not

hope of thingis to comynge, and the lanterne of wickid men
 21 schal be quenchid. My sone, drede thou God, and the kyng ;
 22 and be thou not medlid with bacbiteris. For her perdicoun
 schal rise togidere sudenli, and who knowith the fal of euer
 23 either ? Also these thingis *that suen* ben to wise men. It is
 24 not good to knowe a persoone in doom. Puplis schulen curse
 hem, that seien to a wickid man, Thou art iust ; and lynagis
 25 schulen holde hem abhoynnable. Thei that repreuen *iusilli*
synners, schulen be preisid ; and blessing schal come on hem.
 26, 27 He that answerith riȝtful wordis, schal kisse lippis. Make
 redi thi werk with-outforth, and worche thi feelde dilygentli,
 28 that thou bilde thin hous aftirward. Be thou not a witnesse
 with-out resonable cause aȝens thi neȝbore ; nether flatere
 29 thou ony man with thi lippis. Seie thou not, As he dide to
 me, so Y schal do to him, and Y schal ȝelde to ech man aftir
 30 his werk. I passide bi the feeld of a slow man, and bi the
 31 vyner of a foned man ; and, lo ! nettlis hadden fillid al,
 thornes hadden hilid the hiȝere part therof, and the wal of
 32 stoonys with-out morter was distried. And whanne Y hadde
 seyn this thing, Y settide in myn herte, and bi ensaumple Y
 33 lernyde techyng. Hou longe slepist thou, slow man ? whanne
 schalt thou ryse fro sleep ? Sotheli thou schalt slepe a litil,
 thou schalt nappe a litil, thou schalt ioyne togidere the hondis
 34 a litil, to take reste ; and thi nedynesse as a currour schal come
 to thee, and thi beggerie as an armed man.

CAP. XXV.

- 1 Also these *ben* the Parablis of Salomon, whiche the men of
 2 Ezechie, kyng of Juda, translatiden. The glorie of God is to
 hele a word ; and the glorie of kyngis *is* to seke out a word.
 3 Heuene aboue, and the erthe bynethe, and the herte of kyngis
 4 *is* vnserchable. Do thou a-wei rust fro siluer, and a ful cleene

5 vessel schal go out. Do thou awei vnpile fro the cheer of the
 kyng, and his trone schal be maad stidfast bi riȝtfulnesse.
 6 Appere thou not gloriouse bisore the kyng, and stonde thou
 ; not in the place of grete men. For it is betere, that it be seid
 to thee, Stie thou hidur, than that thou be maad low bisore
 the prince. Brynge thou not forth soone tho thingis in strijf,
 whiche thin iȝen sien; lest afirward thou maist not amende,
 9 whanne thou hast maad thi frend vn honest. Trete thi cause
 with thi frend, and schewe thou not priuyte to a straunge
 10 man; lest perauenture he haue ioye of thi fal, whanne he hath
 herde, and ceesse not to do schenschipe to thee. Grace and
 frenschip delyueren, whiche kepe thou to thee, that thou be
 11 not maad repreuable. A goldun pomel in beddis of siluer *is*
 12 *he*, that spekith a word in his time. A goldun eere-ryng, and
 a schinyng peerle *is he*, that repreueth a wijs man, and an
 13 eere obeiyng. As the coold of snow in the dai of heruest, so
 a feithful messanger to hym that sente thilke *messanger*, makith
 14 his soule to haue reste. A cloude and wind, and reyn not
 15 suyng, *is* a gloriouse man, and not fillynge biheestis. A
 prince schal be maad soft bi pacience; and a soft tunge schal
 16 breke hardnesse. Thou hast founde hony, ete thou that that
 suffisith to thee; lest perauenture thou be fillid, and brake it
 17 out. Withdrawe thi foot fro the hous of thi neȝbore; lest
 18 sum tyme he be fillid, and hate thee. A dart, and a swerd,
 and a scharp arowe, a man that spekith fals witnessing aȝens
 19 his neȝbore. A rotun tooth, and a feynt foot *is he*, that hopith
 20 on an vnfeithful man in the dai of angwisch, and leesith his
 mentil in the dai of coold. Vynegre in a vessel of salt *is he*,
 that singith songis to the worste herte. As a mouȝte *noieth* a
 cloth, and a worm *noieth* a tree, so the sorewe of a man noieth
 21 the herte. If thin enemy hungrith, feede thou him; if he
 22 thirstith, ȝyue thou watir to hym to drinke; for thou schalt
 gadere togidere coolis on his heed; and the Lord schal ȝelde

23 to thee. The north wind scatereth reynes ; and a soreful
 24 face *distrieth* a tunge bacbitinge. It is betere to sitte in the
 corner of an hous without roof, than with a womman ful of
 25 chidyng, and in a comyn hous. Coold watir to a thirsti man ;
 26 and a good messanger fro a fer lond. A welle disturblid with
 foot, and a veyne brokun, a iust man fallinge bifore a wickid
 27 man. As it is not good to hym that etith myche hony ; so
 he that is a serchere of maieste, schal be put doun fro glorie.
 28 As a citee opyn, and with-out cumpas of wallis ; so *is* a man
 that mai not refreyne his spirit in speking.

CAP. XXVI.

1 As snow in somer, and reyn in heruest ; so glorie is vn-
 2 semeli to a fool. For-whi as a brid flynge ouer to hiȝ thingis,
 and a sparowe goyng in to vncerteyn ; so cursing brouȝt
 forth with-out resonable cause schal come aboue in to sum
 3 man. Beting to an hors, and a bernacle to an asse ; and a
 4 ȝerde in the bak of vnprudent men. Answere thou not to a
 5 fool bi his foli, lest thou be maad lijk hym. Answere thou
 6 a fool bi his fooli, lest he seme to him silf to be wijs. An
 haltinge man in feet, and drinkinge wickidnesse, he that sendith
 7 wordis by a sonned messanger. As an haltinge man hath faire
 leggis in veyn ; so a parable is vnsemeli in the mouth of foolis.
 8 As he that casteth a stoon in to an heep of mercurie ; so he
 9 that ȝyueth onour to an vniwijs man. As if a thorn growth in
 the hond of a drunkun man ; so a parable in the mouth of
 10 foolis. Doom determineth causis ; and he that settith silence
 11 to a fool, swagith iris. As a dogge that turneth aȝen to his
 spuyng ; so *is* an vnprudent man, that rehersith his fooli.
 12 Thou hast seyn a man seme wijs to hym silf ; an vnkunnyng
 13 man schal haue hope more than he. A slow man seith, A
 14 lioun is in the weie, a liounnesse is in the foot-pathis. As a

15 dore is turned in his hengis; so a slow man in his bed. A
 slow man hidith hise hondis vndur his armpit; and he trauel-
 16 ith, if he turneth tho to his mouth. A slow man semeth wysere
 17 to hym silf, than seuene men spekyng sentensis. As he that
 takith a dogge bi the eeris; so he that passith, and *is* vn-
 18 pacient, and is meddlid with the chiding of another man.
 19 As he is gilti, that sendith speris and arowis in to deth; so a
 man that anioith gilefuli his frend, and whanne he is takun,
 20 he schal seie, Y dide pleiynge. Whanne trees failen, the fier
 schal be quenchid; and whanne a priuy bacbitere is with-
 21 drawun, stryues resten. As deed coolis at quic coolis, and
 22 trees at the fier; so a wrathful man reisith chidyngis. The
 wordis of a pryuei bacbitere *ben* as symple; and tho comen
 23 til to the ynneste thingis of the herte. As if thou wolt ourne
 a vessel of erthe with foul siluer; so *ben* bolnyng lippis felous-
 24 chipid with the werste herte. An enemy is vndirstondun bi
 25 hise lippis, whanne he tretith giles in the herte. Whanne he
 makith low his vois, bileue thou not to hym; for seuene
 26 wickidnessis ben in his herte. The malice of hym that hilith
 27 hatrede gilefuli, schal be schewid in a counsel. He that
 delueth a diche, schal falle in to it; and if a man walewith a
 28 stoon, it schal turne aȝen to hym. A fals tunge loueth not
 treuth; and a slidir mouth worchith fallyngis.

CAP. XXVII.

1 HAUЕ thou not glorie on the morewe, not knowynge what
 2 thing the dai to comynge schal bringe forth. Another man,
 and not thi mouth preise thee; a straunger, and not thi
 3 lippis *preise thee*. A stoon is heuy, and grauel is chariouse;
 4 but the ire of a fool is heuyere than euer eithir. Ire hath no
 merci, and woodnesse brekyng out *hath no merci*; and who
 5 mai suffre the fersnesse of a spirit stirid? Betere is opyn

6 repreyng, than loue hid. Betere ben the woundis of hym
 ; that loueth, than the gilesful cossis of hym that hatith. A
 man fillid schal dispise an hony-coomb; but an hungri man
 8 schal take, þe, bittir thing for swete. As a brid passinge
 9 ouer fro his nest, so is a man that forsakith his place. The
 herte delitith in oynement, and dyuerse odours; and a soule
 o is maad swete bi the good counsels of a frend. Forsake
 thou not thi frend, and the frend of thi fadir; and entre thou
 not in to the hous of thi brothir, in the dai of thi turment.
 1 Betere is a neȝbore nyȝ, than a brothir afer. Mi sone, studie
 thou a-boute wisdom, and make thou glad myn herte; that
 2 thou maist awerse a word to a dispisere. A fel man seyng
 yuel was hid; little men of wit passinge forth suffriden
 3 harmes. Take thou awei his clooth, that bihiȝt for a
 straunger; and take thou awei a wed fro hym for an alien
 4 man. He that blesith his neȝbore with greet vois; and
 5 risith bi niȝt, schal be lijk hym that cursith. Roouys drop-
 pyng in the dai of coold, and a womman ful of chidyng ben
 6 comparisond. He that withholdith hir, as if he holdith
 7 wynd; and auoidith the oile of his riȝt hond. Yrun is
 whettid bi irun; and a man whettith the face of his frend.
 8 He that kepith a fige-tre, schal ete the fruyts therof; and he
 9 that is a keper of his lord, schal be glorified. As the cheris
 of men biholdinge schynen in watriis; so the hertis of men
 o ben opyn to prudent men. Helle and perdicoun schulen
 1 not be fillid; so and the iȝen of men moun not be fillid. As
 siluer is preuyd in a wellyng place, and gold *is preued* in
 a furneys; so a man is preued bi the mouth of preyseris.
 The herte of a wickid man sekith out yuels; but a riȝtful
 2 herte sekith out kunning. Thouȝ thou beetist a fool in a
 morter, as with a pestel smytynge aboue dried barli; his foli
 3 schal not be don awei fro him. Knowe thou diligentli the
 4 cheere of thi beeste; and biholde thou thi flockis. For thou

schalt not haue power contynueli; but a coroun schal be
 25 3ouun to thee in generacioun and in to generacioun. Medew-
 is ben openyd, and greene eerbis apperiden; and hey is
 26 gaderid fro hillis. Lambren be to thi clothing; and kidis *be*
 27 to the prijs of feeld. The mylke of geete suffice to thee for
 thi meetis; in to the necessarie thingis of thin hous, and to
 lijflore to thin handmaidis.

CAP. XXVIII.

1 A WICKID man fleeth, whanne no man pursueth; but
 a iust man as a lioun tristynge schal be with-out ferd-
 2 fulnesse. For the synnes of the lond *ben* many princis
 therof; and for the wisdom of a man, and for the kunnynge
 of these thingis that ben seid, the lijf of the duyk schal
 3 be lengere. A pore man falsli calengyne pore men,
 4 is lijk a grete reyn, wherynne hungur is maad redi. Thei
 that forsaken the lawe, preisen a wickid man; thei that kepen
 5 *the lawe*, ben kyndlid aȝens hym. Wickid men thenken not
 doom; but thei that seken the Lord, perseyen alle thingis.
 6 Betere is a pore man goyng in his sympilnesse, than a riche
 7 man in schrewid weies. He that kepit the lawe, is a wijs
 8 sone; but he that fedith glotouns, schendith his fadir. He
 that gaderith togidere richessis bi vsuris, and fre encrees,
 9 gaderith tho togidere aȝens pore men. His preyer schal be
 maad cursid, that bowith awei his eere; that he here not
 10 the lawe. He that disseyueth iust men in an yuel weye,
 schal falle in his perisching; and iuste men schulen welde
 11 hise goodis. A ryche man semeth wijs to him silf; but
 12 a pore man prudent schal serche him. In enhaunsing of
 iust men is miche glorie; whanne wickid men regnen, fall-
 13 yngis of men ben. He that hidith hise grete trespassis,
 schal not be maad riȝful; but he that knoulechith and
 14 forsakith tho, schal gete merci. Blessid is the man, which is

euere dredeful; but he that is harde of soule, schal falle in to
 15 yuel. A rorynge lioun, and an hungry bere, *is* a wickid
 16 prince on a pore puple. A duyk nedie of prudence schal
 oppresse many men bi fals chalenge; but the daies of hym
 17 that hatith aueryce, schulen be maad longe. No man sus-
 teyneth a man that falsly chalengith the blood of a man, if he
 18 fleeth til to the lake. He that goith simpli, schal be saaf;
 19 he that goith bi weoward weies, schal falle doun onys. He
 that worchith his lond, schal be fillid with looues; he that
 20 sueth ydelnesse, schal be fillid with nedynesse. A feithful
 man schal be preisid myche; but he that hastith to be maad
 21 riche, schal not be innocent. He that knowith a face in
 doom, doith not wel; this man forsakith treuthe, *þe*, for
 22 a mussel of breed. A man that hastith to be maad riche,
 and hath enuye to othiere men; woot not that nedinesse
 23 schal come on hym. He that repreueth a man, schal synde
 grace astirward at hym; more than he that disseyueth bi
 24 flateryngis of tunge. He that withdrawith ony thing fro his
 sadir and fro his modir, and seith that this is no synne,
 25 is parcener of a manquellere. He that auauntith hym silf,
 and alargith, reisith stryues; but he that hopith in the Lord,
 26 schal be sauyd. He that tristith in his herte, is a fool;
 27 but he that goith wiseli, schal be preysid. He that *ȝ*yueth to
 a pore man, schal not be nedie; he that dispisith *a pore man*
 28 bisechynge, schal suffre nedynesse. Whanne *vnpitouse* men
 risen, men schulen be hid; whanne tho *vnpitouse* men han
 perischid, iust men schulen be multiplied.

CAP. XXIX.

1 SODEYN perischyng schal come on that man, that with hard
 2 nol dispisith a blamere; and helth schal not sue hym. The
 comynalte schal be glad in the multiplyingng of iust men;

whanne wickid men han take prinshod, the puple schal
3 weyle. A man that loueth wisdom, makith glad his fadir ;
4 but he that nurschith an hoore, schal leese catel. A iust
king reisith the lond; an auerouse man schal destrie it.
5 A man that spekith bi flaterynge and seyned wordis to his
6 frend; spredith abrood a net to hise steppis. A snare schal
7 wlappe a wickid man doyng synne; and a iust man schal
8 preise, and schal make ioye. A iust man knowith the cause
9 of pore men; an vnpitouse man knowith not kunning. Men
10 ful of pestilence distryen a citee; but wise men turnen awci
11 woodnesse. If a wijs man stryue with a fool; whether he
12 be wrooth, ether he leijith, he schal not fynde reste. Men-
quelleris haten a simple man; but iust men seken his soule.
13 A fool bringith forth al his spirit; a wise man dilaieth, and
14 reserueth in to tyme comynge afterward. A prince that
herith wilfulli the wordis of a leesyng; schal haue alle
15 mynystris vnfeithful. A pore man and a leenere metten
16 hem silf; the Lord is liȝtnere of euer ethir. If a kyng
demeth pore men in treuthe; his trone schal be maad stid-
17 fast with-outen ende. A ȝerde and chastisyng schal ȝyue
18 wisdom; but a child, which is left to his wille, schendith his
19 modir. Grete trespassis schulen be multiplied in the mul-
tipliying of wickid men; and iust men schulen se the fallyngis
20 of hem. Teche thi sone, and he schal coumforte thee; and
21 he schal ȝyue delicis to thi soule. Whanne prophesie faylith,
the puple schal be distried; but he that kepith the lawe, is
22 blessid. A seruaunt may not be tauȝt bi wordis; for he
vndirstondith that that thou seist, and dispisith for to an-
swere. Thou hast seyn a man swift to speke; foli schal be
hopid more than his amendyng. He that nurschith his ser-
uaunt delicatli fro childhod; schal fynde hym rebel astir-
ward. A wrathful man territh chidingis; and he that is liȝt
to haue indignacioun, schal be more enclynaunt to synnes.

23 Lownesse sueth a proude man ; and glorie schal vp take
 24 a meke man of spirit. He that takith part with a theef,
 hatith his soule ; he herith a man chargynge greetli, and
 25 schewith not. He that dredith a man, schal falle soon ; he
 26 that hopith in the Lord, shal be reisid. Many men seken the
 face of the prince ; and the doom of alle men schal go forth
 27 of the Lord. Iust men han abhomynacioun of a wickid man ;
 and wickid men han abhomynacioun of hem, that ben in a
 riȝtful weye. A sone kepynge a word, schal be out of per-
 dicioun.

CAP. XXX.

1. THE wordis of hym that gaderith, of the sone spuynge.
 The prophesie which a man spak, with whom God was, and
 which *man* was coumfortid bi God dwellyng with hym, and
 2 seide, Y am the moost fool of men ; and the wisdom of men
 3 is not with me. Y lernede not wisdom ; and Y knew not
 4 the kunningg of hooli men. Who stiede in to heuene, and
 cam doun ? Who helde togidere the spirit in hise hondis ?
 who bonde togidere watriis as in a cloth ? Who reiside alle
 the endis of erthe ? What is name of hym ? and what is the
 5 name of his sone, if thou knowist ? Ech word of God is
 6 a scheld set afiere, to alle that hopen in hym. Adde thou
 not ony thing to the wordis of hym, and thou be repreued,
 7 and be foundun a liere. I preide thee twei thingis ; denye
 8 not thou to me, bisor that Y die. Make thou fer fro me
 vanyte and wordis of leesyng ; ȝyue thou not to me beggery
 and richessis ; ȝyue thou oneli necessaries to my lijfplode ;
 9 lest perauenture Y be fillid, and be drawun to denye, and
 seie, Who is the Lord ? and lest Y compellid bi nedynesse,
 10 stele, and forswere the name of my God. Accuse thou not
 a seruaunt to his lord, lest perauenture he curse thee, and
 11 thou falle doun. A generacioun that cursith his fadir, and

12 that blesith not his modir. A generacioun that semeth
 cleene to it silf, and netholes is not waischun fro hise
 13 filthis. A generacioun whose iȝen ben hiȝ, and the iȝe-
 14 liddis therof ben reisid in to hiȝ thingis. A generacioun
 that hath swerdis for teeth, and etith with hise wank-teeth ;
 15 that it ete nedis men of erthe, and the porails of men. The
 watir-leche hath twei douȝtris, sciynge, Brynge, bringe.
 Thre thingis ben vnable to be fillid, and the fourthe, that
 16 seith neuere, It suffisith; helle, and the mouth of the
 wombe, and the erthe which is neuere fillid with watir; but
 17 fier seith neuere, It suffisith. Crowis of the stronde picke
 out thilke iȝe, that scorneth the fadir, and that dispisith the
 child beryng of his modir; and the briddis of an egle ete
 18 that iȝe. Thre thingis ben hard to me, and outirli Y knowe
 19 not the fourthe thing; the weye of an egle in heuene, the
 weie of a serpent on a stoon, the weie of a schip in the
 myddil of the see, and the weie of a man in ȝong wexyng
 20 age. Siche is the weie of a womman auowtresse, which
 etith, and wipith hir mouth, and seith, Y vrouȝte not yuel.
 21 The erthe is moued bi thre thingis, and the fourthe thing,
 22 which it may not susteyne; bi a seruaunt, whanne he regneth;
 23 bi a fool, whanne he is fillid with mete; bi an hateful wom-
 man, whanne sche is takun in matrymonye; and by an
 24 handmaide, whanne sche is eir of hir ladi. Foure ben the
 leeste thingis of erthe, and tho ben wisere than wise men;
 25 amtis, a feble puple, that maken redi mete in heruest to hem
 26 silf; a hare, a puple vnmyȝti, that settith his bed in a stoon;
 27 a locust hath no kyng, and al goith out bi cumpanyes;
 28 an eueete ensorsith with hondis, and dwellith in the housis
 29 of kingis. Thre thingis ben, that goon wel, and the fourthe
 30 thing, that goith richeli. A lioun, strongeste of beestis, schal
 31 not drede at the meetyng of ony man; a cok gird the leendis,
 32 and a ram, and noon is that schal aȝenstonde him. He that

appерith a fool, astir that he is reisid an hiȝ; for if he hadde
 33 vndurstonde, he hadde sett hond on his mouth. Forsothe
 he that thirstith strongli teetis, to drawe out mylk, thirstith
 out botere; and he that smytith greetli, drawith out blood;
 and he that stirith iris, bringith forth discordis.

CAP. XXXI.

1 THE wordis of Lamuel, the king; the visioun bi which
 2 his modir tauȝte hym. What my derlyng? what the derl-
 3 yng of my wombe? what the derlyng of my desiris? ȝyue
 thou not thi catel to wymmen, and thi richessis to do awei
 4 kyngis. A! Lamuel, nyle thou ȝiue wyn to kingis; for no
 5 pryuete is, where drunkenesse regneth. Lest perauenture
 thei drynke, and forȝete domes, and chaunge the cause of
 6 the sones of a pore man. ȝyue ȝe sidur to hem that
 7 morenen, and wyn to hem that ben of bitter soule. Drinke
 thei, and forȝete thei her nediness; and thenke thei no
 8 more on her sorewe. Opene thi mouth for a doumb man, and
 9 opene thi mouth for the causes of alle sones that passen
 forth. Deme thou that that is iust, and deme thou a nedi-
 10 man and a pore man. Who schal fynde a stronge wom-
 11 man? the prijs of her is fer, and fro the laste endis. The
 herte of hir hosebond tristith in hir; and sche schal not
 12 haue nede to spuylis. Sche schal ȝelde to hym good, and
 13 not yuel, in alle the daies of hir lijf. Sche souȝte wolle
 14 and flex; and wrouȝte bi the counsel of hir hondis. Sche
 is maad as the schip of a marchaunt, that berith his breed
 15 fro fer. And sche roos bi nyȝt, and ȝaf prey to hir mey-
 16 neals, and metis to hir handmaidis. Sche bihelde a feeld,
 and bouȝte it; of the fruyt of hir hondis sche plauntide
 17 a vyner. Sche girde hir leendis with strengthe, and made
 18 strong hir arm. Sche taastide, and siȝ, that hir marchaundie

was good; her lanterne schal not be quenchid in the niȝt.
 19 Sche putte her hondis to stronge thingis, and her syngries
 20 token the spyndil. Sche openyde her hond to a nedi man,
 21 and stretchide forth her hondis to a pore man. Sche schal
 not drede for her hous of the cooldis of snow; for alle her
 22 meyneals ben clothid with double *clothis*. Sche made to
 23 her a ray cloth; bijs and purpur *is* the cloth of her. Hir
 hosebonde *is* noble in the ȝatis, whanne he sittith with the
 24 senatours of erthe. Sche made lynnun cloth, and selde;
 25 and ȝaf a girdil to a Chananei. Strengthe and fairnesse
is the clothing of her; and sche schal leize in the laste dai.
 26 Sche openyde her mouth to wisdom; and the lawe of merci
 27 *is* in her tungue. Sche bihelde the pathis of her hous; and
 28 sche eet not breed idili. Hir sones risiden, and prechiden
 29 her moost blessed; her hosebonde *roos*, and preiside her. Many
 30 douȝtris gaderiden richessis; thou passidist alle. Fair-
 nesse is disseuable grace, and veyn; thilke womman, that
 31 dredith the Lord, schal be preisid. ȝyue ȝe to her of the
 fruyt of her hondis; and her werkis preise her in the ȝatis.

ECCLESIASTES.

CAP. I.

1 THE wordis of Ecclesiastes, sone of Dauid, the kyng of
 2 Jerusalem. The vanyte of vanytees, seide Ecclesiastes; the
 3 vanyte of vanytees, and alle thingis *ben* vanite. What hath
 a man more of alle his trauel, bi which he traueilith vndur
 4 the sunne? Generacioun passith awei, and generacioun
 5 cometh; but the erthe stondith with-outen ende. The

sunne risith, and goith doun, and turneth aȝen to his place ;
 6 and there it risith aȝen, and cumpassith bi the south, and
 turneth aȝen to the north. The spirit cumpassyng alle
 thingis goith in cumpas, and turneth aȝen in to his cerclis.
 7 Alle floodis entren in to the see, and the see fletith not
 ouer *the markis set of God* ; the floodis turnen aȝen to the
 s place fro whennus tho comen forth, that tho flowe est. Alle
 thingis *ben* hard ; a man may not declare tho thingis bi
 word ; the iȝe is not fillid bi siȝt, nether the eere is fillid
 9 bi hering. What is that thing that was, that that schal
 come ? What is that thing that is maad, that that schal
 10 be maad ? No thing vndir the sunne *is* newe, nether ony
 man may seie, Lo ! this thing is newe ; for now it ȝede
 11 bisore in worldis, that weren bisore vs. Mynde of the for-
 mere thingis is not, but sotheli nether thenkyng of tho
 thingis, that schulen come afterward, schal be at hem that
 12 schulen come in the last tyme. I Ecclesiastes was king
 13 of Israel in Jerusalem ; and Y purposide in my soule to
 seke and enserche wiseli of alle thingis, that ben maad
 vndur the sunne. God ȝaf this werste ocupacioun to the
 sones of men, that thei schulden be occupied therynne.
 14 I siȝ alle thingis that ben maad vndur the sunne, and lo !
 15 alle thingis *ben* vanyte and turment of spirit. Weiward
 men ben amendid of hard ; and the noumbre of foolis is
 16 greet with-outen ende. I spak in myn herte, and Y seide,
 Lo ! Y am made greet, and Y passide in wisdom alle men,
 that weren bisore me in Jerusalem ; and my soule siȝ many
 17 thingis wiseli, and Y lernede. And Y ȝaf myn herte, that
 Y schulde knowe prudence and doctryny, and errours and
 foli. And Y knew that in these thingis also was trauel and
 18 turment of spirit ; for in myche wisdom is myche indig-
 nacioun, and he that encreessith kunningyng, encreessith also
 trauel.

CAP. II.

1 THERFOR Y seide in myn herte, Y schal go, and Y schal
 2 flowe in delicis, and Y schal vse goodis; and Y siȝ also
 3 that this was vanyte. And leiȝyng Y arrettide errorr, and
 4 Y seide to ioye, What art thou disseyued in veyn? I thouȝte
 5 in myn herte to withdrawe my fleisch fro wyn, that Y schulde
 6 lede ouer my soule to wisdom, and that Y schulde eschewe
 7 foli, til Y schulde se, what were profitable to the sones of
 8 men; in which dede the noumber of daies of her līf vndur
 9 the sunne is nedeful. Y magnefiede my werkis, Y bildide
 10 housis to me, and Y plautide vynes; Y made ȝerdis and
 11 orchardis, and Y settide tho with the trees of al kynde;
 12 and Y made cisternes of watri, for to watre the wode of
 13 trees growynge. I hadde in possessioun seruauntis and
 14 handmaidis; and Y hadde myche meynee, and droues of
 15 grete beestis, and grete flockis of scheep, ouer alle men
 16 that weren bifore me in Jerusalem. Y gaderide togidere
 17 to me siluer and gold, and the castels of kingis and of
 18 prouyncis; Y made to me sygeris and sygeressis, and
 19 delicis of the sones of men, and cuppis and vessels in
 20 seruyce, to helde out wynes; and Y passide in richessis
 21 alle men, that weren bifor me in Jerusalem. Also wisdom
 22 dwellide stabli with me, and alle thingis whiche myn iȝen
 23 desiriden, Y denyede not to hem; nether Y refreynede
 24 myn herte, that ne it vsid al lust, and delitide it silf in
 25 these thingis whiche I hadde maad redi; and Y demyde
 26 this my part, if Y vsid my trauel. And whanne Y hadde
 27 turned me to alle werkis whiche myn hondys hadden maad,
 28 and to the trauels in whiche Y hadde swet in veyn, Y siȝ
 29 in alle thingis vanyte and turment of the soule, and that
 30 no thing vndir sunne dwellith stabli. I passide to biholde
 31 wisdom, errorrs, and foli; *Y seide*, What is a man, that he

13 may sue the king, his maker? And Y *siz*, that wisdom
 14 *ȝede* so mych bisor foli, as miche as *list* is dyuerse fro
 15 derknessis. The *izzen* of a wijs man *ben* in his heed, a fool
 goith in derknessis; and Y lernede, that o perisching was
 16 of euer either. And Y seide in myn herte, If o deth schal
 be bothe of the fool and of me, what profitith it to me,
 that Y *ȝaf* more bisynesse to wisdom? And Y spak with
 17 my soule, and perseuyede, that this also was vanyte. For
 mynde of a wijs man schal not be, in lijk maner as nether
 of a fool with-outen ende, and tymes to comyng schulen
 hile alle thingis togidere with forȝetyng; a lerned man dieth
 18 in lijk maner and an vnlerned man. And therfor ~~is~~ anoiede
 me of my lijf, seyng that alle thingis vndur sunne ben
 yuele, and that alle thingis *ben* vanyte and turment of
 19 the spirit. Eft Y curside al my bisynesse, bi which Y
 trauelide moost studiousli vndur sunne, and Y schal haue
 an eir after me, whom Y knowe not, whether he schal be
 wijs ether a fool; and he schal be lord in my trauels, for
 whiche Y swatte greetli, and was bisi; and is ony thing
 20 so veyn? Wherfor Y ceesside, and myn herte forsook for
 21 to traucle ferthere vnder sunne. For-whi whanne another
 man trauelith in wisdom, and techyng, and bisynesse, he
 leeueth thingis getun to an idel man; and therfor this *is*
 22 vanyte, and greet yuel. For-whi what schal it profite to
 a man of al his trauel, and turment of spirit, bi which he
 23 was tormentid vndur sunne? Alle hise daies ben ful of
 sorewis and mesches, and bi *nyȝt* he restith not in soule;
 24 and whether this is not vanyte. Whether it is not betere
 to ete and drynke, and to schewe to hise soule goodis of
 25 hise trauels? and this *thing is* of the hond of God. Who
 schal deuoure so, and schal flowe in delicis, as Y *dide*?
 26 God *ȝaf* wisdom, and kunnynge, and gladnesse to a good
 man in his *siz*; but he *ȝaf* turment, and superflu bisynesse

to a synnere, that he encreesse, and gadere togidere, and
ȝyue to hym that plesith God; but also this is vanyte, and
veyn bisynesse of soule.

CAP. III.

1 ALLE thingis han tyme, and alle thingis vndur sunne
2 passen bi her spaces. Tyme of birthe, and time of diyng;
3 tyme to plaunte, and tyme to drawe vp that that is plauntid.
4 Tyme to sle, and tyme to make hool; tyme to distrie, and
5 tyme to bilde. Tyme to wepe, and tyme to leize; tyme to
6 biweile, and tyme to daunse. Tyme to scatere stoonys, and
tyme to gadere togidere; tyme to colle, and tyme to be fer
7 fro collyngis. Tyme to wynne, and tyme to leese; tyme to
8 kepe, and tyme to caste awei. Tyme to kitte, and tyme to
9 sewe togidere; tyme to be stille, and tyme to speke. Tyme
of loue, and tyme of hatrede; tyme of batel, and tyme of
10 pees. What hath a man more of his trauel? I siȝ the
turment, which God ȝaf to the sones of men, that thei be
11 occupied therynne. God made alle thingis good in her
tyme, and ȝaf the world to disputyng of hem, that a man
synde not the werk which God hath wrouȝt fro the bigynnyng
12 til in to the ende. And Y knew that no thing was betere *to a man*, no-but to be glad, and to do good *werkis* in his liȝf.
13 For-whi ech man that etith and drinkith, and seeth good of
14 his trauel; this is the ȝiste of God. I haue lerned that alle
werkis, whiche God maad, lasten stidfastli til in to with-outen
ende; we moun not adde ony thing to tho, nether take awei
15 fro tho *thingis*, whiche God made, that he be dred. That
thing that is maad, dwellith perfitli; tho thingis that schulen
come, weren bifore; and God restorith that, that is goon.
16 I siȝ vndur sunne vnfeithfulnesse in the place of doom; and
17 wickidnesse in the place of riȝtfulnesse. And Y seide in
myn herte, The Lord schal deme a iust man, and an vnfeithful

18 man; and the tyme of ech thing schal be thanne. I seide in
 myn herte of the sones of men, that God schulde preue hem,
 19 and schewe that thei ben lijk *unresonable* beestis. Thersfor
 oon is the perisching of man and of beestis, and euene condicoun
is of euer eithir; as a man dieth, so and tho *beestis*
 dien; alle *beestis* brethen in lijk maner, and a man hath no
 20 thing more than a beeste. Alle thingis ben suget to vanyte,
 and alle thingis goen to o place; tho ben maad of erthe, and
 21 tho turnen *aȝen* togidere in to erthe. Who knowith, if the
 spirit of the sones of Adam stieth vpward, and if the spirit of
 22 beestis goith downward? And Y perseuyede that no thing is
 betere, than that a man be glad in his werk, and that this be
 his part; for who schal brynge hym, that he knowe thingis
 that schulen come after hym?

CAP. IV.

1 I TURNED me to othere thingis, and Y siȝ fals chalengis,
 that ben don vndur the sunne, and the teeris of innocentis,
 and no man coumfortour; and that thei forsakun of the help
 2 of alle men, moun not *aȝen* stonde the violence of hem. And
 3 Y preiside more deed men than lyuynge men; and Y demyde
 hym, that was not borun ȝit, and siȝ not the yuels that ben
 4 don vndur the sunne, *to be* blissulere than euer eithir. Est Y
 bihelde alle the truelis of men, and bisynesses; and Y per-
 seuyede that tho ben opyn to the enuye of neiȝbore; and
 5 thersfor in this is vanyte, and superflu bisynesse. A fool
 foldith togidere hise hondis, and etith hise fleischis, and seith,
 6 Betere is an handful with reste, than euer either hondful with
 7 trauel and turment of soule. I bihelde and foond also
 8 another vanytee vndir the sunne; oon is, and he hath not
 a secounde; not a sone, not a brother; and netholes he
 ceesith not for to trauele, nether hise *iȝen* ben fillid with

richessis; nether he bithenkith, and seith, To whom trauele
 Y, and disseyue my soule in goodis? In this also is vanyte,
 and the worste turment. Thersfor it is betere, that tweyne
 be togidere than oon; for thei han profite of her felouschipe.
 If oon fallith doun, he schal be vndurset of the tothere; wo
 to hym that is aloone, for whanne he fallith, he hath noon
 reisynge him. And if tweyne slepen, thei schulen be nurschid
 togidere; hou schal oon be maad hoot? And if ony man
 hath maistri aȝens oon, tweyne aȝen-stonden hym; a thre-
 folde corde is brokun of hard. A pore man and wijs is
 betere than an eld kyng and fool, that kan not bifore-se in to
 tyme to comynge. For sum tyme a man goith out bothe fro
 prysoun and chaynes to a rewme; and another borun in to a
 rewme is wastid bi nedynesse. I siȝ alle men lyuynge that
 goen vndur the sunne, with the secounde ȝong wexyng man,
 that schal rise for hym. The noumbre of puple, of alle that
 weren bifore hym, is greet with-outen mesure, and thei that
 schulen come aftirward, schulen not be glad in hym; but
 also this is vanyte and turment of the spirit. (V). Thou that
 entrist in to the hous of God, kepe thi foot, and neȝe thou
 for to here; for-whi myche betere is obedience than the
 sacrifices of foolis, that witen not what yuel thei don. Speke
 thou not ony thing folily, nether thin herte be swift to bryng
 forth a word bisore God; for God is in heuene, and thou art
 on erthe, therfor thi wordis be fewe. Dremes suen many
 bisynessis, and foli schal be foundun in many wordis. If
 thou hast avowid ony thing to God, tarie thou not to ȝelde;
 for an vnfeithful and fonned biheest displesith hym; but
 ȝelde thou what euer thing thou hast avowid; and it is myche
 betere to make not a vowe, than aftir a vowe to ȝelde not
 biheestis. ȝyue thou not thi mouth, that thou make thi
 fleisch to do synne; nether seie thou bifor an aungel, No
 puruyaunce is; lest perauenture the Lord be wrooth on thi

6 wordis, and distruye alle the werkis of thin hondis. Where
 ben many dremes, *ben* ful many vanytees, and wordis with-
 ; out noumber; but drede thou God. If thou seest false
 chalengis of nedis men, and violent domes, and that riȝtful-
 nesse is distred in the prouynce, wondre thou not on this
 doyng; for another is hiȝere than an hiȝ man, and also
 s oþer men ben more hiȝe aboue these men; and ferther-
 more the kyng of al erthe comaundith to the seruaunt.

CAP. V (*V, continued*).

9 An auerouse man schal not be fillid of monei; and he
 that loueth richessis schal not take fruytis of tho; and ther-
 for this *is* vanyte. Where ben many richessis, also many
 men *ben*, that eten tho; and what profitith it to the haldere,
 11 no-but that he seeth richessis with his eȝen? Slepe is
 swete to hym that worshith, whether he etith litil ether
 myche; but the fulnesse of a ryche man suffrith not hym
 13 to slepe. Also another sijknesse is ful yuel, which Y siȝ
 vndur the sunne; richessis *ben* kept in to the yuel of her
 15 lord. For thei perischen in the worste turment; he gen-
 dride a sone, that schal be in souereyn nedynesse. As he
 17 zede nakid out of his modris wombe, so he schal turne aȝen;
 and he schal take awei with hym no thing of his trauel.
 19 Outirli *it is* a wretchid sijknesse; as he cam, so he schal
 turne aȝen. What therfor profitith it to hym, that he tra-
 21 uelide in to the wynde? In alle the daies of his liȝf he eet
 in derknessis, and in many bisinessis, and in nedynesse, and
 23 sorewe. Therfor this semye good to me, that a man ete,
 and drynke, and vse gladnesse of his trauel, in which he
 trauelide vndir the sunne, in the noumber of daies of his
 25 liȝf, which God ȝaf to hym; and this is his part. And to ech
 man, to whom God ȝaf richessis, and catel, and ȝaf power to

hym to ete of tho, and to vse his part, and to be glad of his
 9 trauel; this is the gisfe of God. For he schal not bithenke
 miche on the daies of his lijs, for God occupieth his herte with
 delicis.

CAP. VI.

1 Also another yuel is, which Y sij vndur the sunne; and
 2 certis it is oft vsid anentis men. A man is, to whom God
 3 saf richessis, and catel, and onour; and no thing sailith to his
 soule of alle thingis which he desirith; and God ȝyueth not
 power to hym, that he ete therof, but a straunge man shal
 5 deuoure it. This is vanyte, and a greet wretchednesse. If
 a man gendrih an hundred fre sones, and lyueth many ȝeris,
 and hath many daies of age, and his soule vsith not the
 goodis of his catel, and wantith biriyng; Y pronounce of
 4 this man, that a deed borun child is betere than he. For he
 comeih in veyn, and goith to derknessis; and his name schal
 6 be don awei bi forȝeyng. He sij not the sunne, nether
 knew dyuersyte of good and of yuel; also thouȝ he lyueth
 7 twei thousynde ȝeris, and vsith not goodis; whether alle
 thingis hasten not to o place? Al the trauel of a man is
 8 in his mouth, but the soule of hym schal not be fillid with
 goodis. What hath a wijs man more than a fool? and what
 9 hath a pore man, no but that he go thidur, where is lijs? It
 is betere to se that, that thou coveitist, than to desire that,
 that thou knowist not; but also this is vanyte, and presump-
 cion of spirit. The name of hym that schal come, is clepid
 now, and it is knowun, that he is a man, and he mai not
 1 stryue in doom ȝens a strongere than hym silf. Wordis
 2 ben ful manye, and han myche vanyte in dispuytinge. What
 nede is it to a man to seke grettere thingis than hym silf;
 sithen he knowith not, what schal bifalle to hym in his lijs, in
 the noumbre of daies of his pilgrimage, and in the tyme that

passith as schadowe? ether who may schewe to hym, what thing vndur sunne schal come aftir hym?

CAP. VII.

2 A good name is betere than preciouse oynementis; and
 3 the dai of deth *is betere* than the dai of birthe. It is betere
 to go to the hous of morenyng, than to the hous of a feeste;
 for in that *hous of morenyng* the ende of alle men is monestid,
 4 and a man lyuynge thenkith, what is to comynge. Yre *is*
 betere than leizyng; for the soule of a trespassour is amendid
 5 bi the heuynesse of cheer. The herte of wise men *is* where
 6 sorewe *is*; and the herte of foolis *is* where gladnesse *is*. It
 is betere to be repreued of a wijs man, than to be disseyued
 7 bi the flateryng of foolis; for as the sown of thornes
 8 brennynge vndur a pot, so *is* the leizyng of a fool. But also
 this *is* vanyte. Fals chalenge disturbith a wijs man, and it
 9 schal leese the strengthe of his herte. Forsothe the ende
 of preyer is betere than the bigynnyng. A pacient man is
 10 betere than a proud man. Be thou not swifte to be wrooth;
 11 for ire restith in the bosum of a fool. Seie thou not, What
 gessist thou *is* of cause, that the formere tymes weren betere
 12 than ben now? for-whi siche axyng is fonned. Forsothe
 wisdom with richessis is more profitable, and profitith more
 13 to men seyng the sunne. For as wisdom defendith, so
 money *defendith?* but lernyng and wisdom hath this more,
 14 that tho ȝyuen lijf to her weldere. Biholde thou the werkis
 of God, that no man may amende hym, whom *God* hath
 15 dispisid. In a good day vse thou goodis, and bifore eschewe
 thou an yuel day; for God made so this dai as that dai, that
 16 a man synde not iust playnyngis aȝens hym. Also Y siȝ
 these thingis in the daies of my natuyte; a iust man
 perischith in his riȝtfulnesse, and a wickid man lyueth myche

17 tyme in his malice. Nyle thou be iust myche, nether vndur-
 stonde thou more than is nedeful; lest thou be astonyed.
 18 Do thou not wickidli myche, and nyle thou be a fool; lest
 19 thou die in a tyme not thin. It is good, that thou susteyne
 a iust man; but also withdrawe thou not thin hond from
 hym; for he that dredith God, is not negligent of ony thing.
 20 Wisdom hath coumfortid a wise man, ouer ten pryncis of
 21 a citee. Forsothe no iust man is in erthe, that doith good,
 22 and synneth not. But also ȝyue thou not thin herte to alle
 wordis, that ben seid; lest perauenture thou here thi seruaunt
 23 cursynge thee; for thi conscience woot, that also thou hast
 24 cursid oste othere men. I asayede alle thingis in wisdom;
 Y scide, I schal be maad wijs, and it ȝede awei ferthere fro
 25 me, myche more than it was; and the depthe is hiȝ, who
 26 schal synde it? I cumpasside alle thingis in my soule, to
 kunne, and biholde, and seke wisdom and resoun, and to
 knowe the wickidnesse of a fool, and the errorre of vnprudent
 27 men. And Y foond a womman bitterere than deth, which is
 the snare of hunteris, and hir herte is a net, and hir hondis
 ben boondis; he that plesith God schal ascape hir, but he
 28 that is a synnere, schal be takun of hir. Lo! Y foond this,
 seide Ecclesiastes, oon and other, that Y schulde synde
 29 resoun, which my soule sekith ȝit; and Y foond not. I
 foond o man of a thousynde; Y foond not a womman of
 30 alle. I foond this oonli, that God made a man riȝtful; and
 he medlide hym silf with questiouns with-out noumbre.
 1 (VIII). Who is siche as a wijs man? and who knowith the
 expownyng of a word? The wisdom of a man schyneth
 in his cheer; and the myȝtieste schal chaunge his face.

CAP. VIII (VIII, *continued*).

2 I KEEPE the mouth of the kyng, and the comaundementis
 3 and sweryngis of God. Haste thou not to go awei fro his

face, and dwelle thou not in yuel werk. For he schal do al
 4 thing, that he wole ; and his word is ful of power, and no
 5 man mai seie to hym, Whi doist thou so ? He that kepit
 the comaundement of *God in this lijf*, schal not feele ony
 6 thing of yuel ; the herte of a wijs man vndurstondith tyme
 7 and answer. Tyme and cesoun is to ech werk ; and myche
 8 turment is of a man, for he knowith not thingis passid, and
 9 he mai not knowe bi ony messanger thingis to comynge. It
 is not in the power of man to forbide the spirit, nethir he
 hath power in the dai of deth, nethir he is suffrid to haue
 reste, whanne the batel neȝeth ; nethir wickidnesse schal
 9 sauue a wickid man. I bihelde alle thes thingis, and Y ȝaf
 myn herte in alle werkis, that ben don vndur the sunne.
 10 Sum tyme a man is lord of a man, to his yuel. Y siȝ wickid
 men biryed, which, whanne thei lyueden ȝit, weren in hooli
 place ; and thei weren preisid in the citee, as *men* of iust
 11 werkis ; but also this is vanyte. Forsothe for the sentence
 is not brouȝt forth soone ȝens yuele men, the sones of men
 12 doon yuels with-outen ony drede. Netholes of that, that
 a synnere doith yuel an hundred sithis, and is suffrid bi
 pacience, Y knew that good schal be to men dredyng God,
 13 that reuerensen his face. Good be not to the wickid man,
 nethir hise daies be maad longe ; but passe thei as schadewe,
 14 that dreden not the face of the Lord. Also another vanyte
 is, which is don on erthe. Iust men ben, to whiche yuels
 comen, as if thei diden the werkis of wickid men ; and
 wickid men ben, that ben so sikur, as if thei han the dedis
 15 of iust men ; but Y deme also this moost veyn. Therfor
 Y preysid gladnesse, that no good was to a man vndur the
 sunne, no-but to ete, and drynke, and to be ioiful ; and that
 he schulde bere awei with hym silf oneli this of his trauel, in
 the daies of his lijf, whiche God ȝaf to hym vndur the sunne.
 16 And Y settide myn herte to knowe wisdom, and to vndur-

stonde the departing, which is turned in erthe. A man is, that bi daies and niȝtis takith not sleep with iȝen. And Y vnderslood, that of alle the werkis of God, a man may fynde no resoun of tho thingis, that ben don vndur the sunne ; and in as myche as he traeilith more to seke, bi so myche he schal fynde lesse ; þe, thouȝ a wijs man seith that he knowith, he schal not now fynde.

CAP. IX.

1 I TRETIDE alle these thingis in myn herte, to vndirstonde diligentli. Just men, and wise men ben, and her werkis ben in the hond of God ; and netheles a man noot, whether he 2 is worthi of loue or of hatrede. But alle thingis ben kept vncerteyn in to tyme to comynge ; for alle thingis bifallen enenli to a just man and to a wickid man, to a good man and to an yuel man, to a cleene man and to an vnclene man, to a man offrynge offryngis and sacrifices, and to a man dispisyng sacrifices ; as a good man, so and a synnere ; as a forsworun man, so and he that greetli swerith treuthe. 3 This thing is the worste among alle thingis, that ben don vndur the sunne, that the same thingis bifallen to alle men ; wherfor and the hertis of the sones of men ben fillid with malice and dispisyng in her lijf ; and astir these thingis thei 4 schulen be led down to hellis. No man is, that lyueth euere, and that hath trist of this thing ; betere is a quik dogge than 5 a deed lioun. For thei that lyuen witen that thei schulen die ; but deed men knownen no thing more, nether han 6 meede ferthere ; for her mynde is ȝouun to forȝetyng. Also the loue, and hatrede, and enuye perischiden togidere ; and thei han no part in this world, and in the werk that is don vndur the sunne. Therfor go thou, *just man*, and ete thi breed in gladnesse, and drynke thi wiyn with ioie ; for thi

8 werkis plesen God. In ech tyme thi clothis be white, and
 9 oile saile not fro thin heed. Vse thou lijf with the wif which
 thou louest, in alle the daies of lijf of thin vnstablenesse, that
 ben ȝouun to thee vndur sunne, in al the tyme of thi vanyte ;
 for this is thi part in thi lijf and trauel, bi which thou
 10 trauelist vndur the sunne. Worche thou bisili, what euer
 thing thin hond mai do ; for nether werk, nether resoun,
 nethir kunning, nether wisdom schulen be at hellis, whidir
 11 thou haastist. I turnede me to another thing, and Y siȝ
 vndur sunne, that rennyng is not of swift men, nethir batel *is*
 of stronge men, nether breed *is* of wise men, nether richessis
ben of techeris, ne grace *is* of crafti men ; but tyme and hap
 12 *is* in alle thingis. A man knowith not his ende ; but as
 fischis ben takun with an hook, and as briddis ben takun
 with a snare, so men ben takun in yuel tyme, whanne it
 13 cometh sudeynli on hem. Also Y siȝ this wisdom vndur the
 14 sunne, and Y preuede *it* the mooste. A litil citee, and a
 fewe men ther-ynne ; a greet kyng cam aȝens it, and
 cumpasside it with palis, and he bildide strengthis bi cumpas ;
 15 and bisegyng was maad perfit. And a pore man and a wijs
 was foundun ther-ynne ; and he delyuerede the citee bi his
 wisdom, and no man bithouȝte stirward on that pore man.
 16 And Y seide, that wisdom is betere than strengthe ; hou
 thersor is the wisdom of a pore man dispisid, and hise wordis
 17 ben not herd ? The wordis of wise men ben herd in silence,
 more than the cry of a prince among foolis.

CAP. X.

18 BETERE is wisdom than armuris of batel ; and he that
 1 synneth in o thing, schal leese many goodis. (X). Flies that
 dien, leesen the swetnesse of oynement. Litil foli at a tyme
 2 is precioussere than wisdom and glorie. The herte of a wijs
 man *is* in his riȝt side ; and the herte of a fool *is* in his left

3 side. But also a fool goynge in the weie, whanne he is
 4 vnwijs, gessith alle men foolis. If the spirit of hym, that
 hath power, stieth on thee, forsake thou not thi place : for
 5 heeling schal make gretieste synnes to ceesse. An yuel is,
 which Y sij vndur the sunne, and goith out as bi errour fro
 6 the face of the prince ; a fool set in hiȝ dignyte, and riche
 ; men sitte bynthe. I sij seruamis on horsis, and princes
 8 as seruamis goynge on the erthe. He that diggith a dicke,
 schal falle in to it ; and an eddre schal bite hym, that
 9 distrieth an begge. He that berith ouer stoonyȝ, schal be
 tormentid in tho ; and he that kinth trees, schal be woundid
 10 of tho. If yrun is foldid aȝen, and this is not as before, but
 is maad blunȝ, it schal be maad scharp wiȝ myche tranel ;
 11 and wisdom schal sue astir bisynesse. If a serpent binth, is
 12 bith in silence ; he that bacbinth priueli, hath no thing lesse
 than it. The wordis of the mouth of a wijs man is grace ;
 and the lippis of an vnwijs man schulen caste hym doon.
 13 The bigyaning of hise wordis is foli ; and the laste thing of
 14 his mouth is the worse errour. A fool multiplieid wordis ;
 a man noot, what was before hym, and who mai schewe to
 15 hym that, that schal come astir hym ? The tranel of foolis
 shal torment hem, that kunnen not go in to the citee.
 16 Lond, wo to thee, whos kyng is a child, and whose princes
 17 eten eerli. Biessid is the lond, whos kyng is noble ; and
 whose princis eten in her tyme, to susseyne the kynde, and
 18 not to waste. The hignesse of housis schal be maad low in
 slouthis ; and the hous schal droppe in the feblenesse of
 19 bondis. In leizing thei disposen breed and wyn, that thei
 20 drynkynge ete largeli ; and alle thingis obeien to monei. In
 thi thought bacbite thou not the kyng, and in the priuete
 of thi bed, curse thou not a riche man ; for the briddis of
 heuene schulen bere thi vois, and he that hath pennys, schal
 telle the sentence.

CAP. XI.

1 SENDE thi breed on watri passynge forth, for astir many
 2 tymes thou schalt fynde it. 3yue thou partis seuene, and
 also eȝte; for thou woost not, what yuel schal come on
 3 erthe. If cloudis ben filled, tho schulen schede out reyn
 on the erthe; if a tre fallith doun to the south, ether to
 the north, in what euer place it fallith doun, there it schal
 4 be. He that aspieth the wynd, sowith not; and he that
 5 biholdith the cloudis, schal neuere repe. As thou knowist
 not, which is the weye of the spirit, and bi what resoun
 boonys ben ioyned togidere in the wombe of a womman
 with childe, so thou knowist not the werkis of God, which
 6 is makere of alle thingis. Eerli sowe thi seed, and thin
 hond ceesse not in the euentid; for thou woost not, what
 schal come forth more, this ethir that; and if euer eithir
 7 cometh forth togidere, it schal be the betere. The liȝt is
 8 sweet, and delitable to the iȝen to se the sunne. If a man
 lyueth many ȝeiris, and is glad in alle these, he owith to
 haue mynde of derk tyme, and of many daies; and whanne
 tho schulen come, thingis passid schulen be repreued of
 9 vanyte. Therfor, thou ȝonge man, be glad in thi ȝongthe,
 and thin herte be in good in the daies of thi ȝongthe, and
 go thou in the weies of thin herte, and in the biholdyng
 of thin iȝen; and wite thou, that for alle these thingis God
 10 shal brynge thee in to doom. Do thou awei ire fro thin
 herte, and remoue thou malice fro thi fleisch; for-whi
 ȝongthe and lust ben veyne thingis.

CAP. XII.

1 HAUЕ thou mynde on thi creatour in the daies of thi
 ȝongthe, bifore that the tyme of thi turment come, and the
 ȝeris of thi deth neȝe, of whiche thou schalt seie, Tho plesen

2 not me. *Hauē thou mynde on thi creatour*, bisor that the sunne be derk, and the līt, and sterrys, and the mone;
 3 and cloude turne azen after reyn. Whanne the keperis of
 the hōus schulen be mouyd, and strongeste men schulen
 tremble; and grynderis schulen be idel, whanne the noumber
 schal be maad lesse, and seeris bi the hoolis schulen wexe
 4 derk; and schulen close the doris in the street, in the low-
 nesse of vois of a gryndere; and thei schulen rise at the
 vois of a brid, and alle the dōutris of song schulen wexe
 5 deef. And hiȝ thingis schulen drede, and schulen be aſerd
 in the weie; an alemaunde-tre schal floure, a locuste schal
 be maad fat, and capparis schal be distried; for a man schal
 go in to the hōus of his enerlastyngnesse, and weileris
 6 schulen go aboute in the street. *Hauē thou mynde on thi*
creatour, byfore that a siluerne roop be brokun, and a
 goldun lace renne azen, and a watir pot be al to-brokun
 on the welle, and a wheele be brokun togidere on the
 7 cisterne; and dust turne azen in to his erthe, wheroft it
 8 was, and the spirit turne azen to God, that ȝaf it. The
 vanyte of vanytees, seide Ecclesiastes, the vanyte of vanytees,
 9 and alle thingis *ben* vanyte. And whanne Ecclesiastes was
 moost wijs, he tanyte the puple, and he telde out the thingis
 10 whiche he dide, and he souȝte out *wisdom*, and made many
 parablis; he souȝte profitable wordis, and he wroot moost
 11 rijtful wordis, and ful of treuthe. The wordis of wise men
ben as prickis, and as nailis fastned deepe, whiche ben ȝouun
 12 of o scheepherde bi the counsels of maistris. My sone,
 seke thou no more than these; noon ende is to make many
 13 bookis, and ofte thenkyng is turment of fleisch. Alle we
 here togydere the ende of spekyng. Drede thou God, and
 kepe hise heestis; that is *to seie*, ech man. *God* schal brynge
 alle thingis in to dom, that *ben* don; for ech thing don
 bi errorr, whether it be good, ether yuel.

SONG OF SOLOMON.

CAP. I.

1, 2 KISSE he me with the cos of his mouth. For thi tetis
 ben betere than wyn, and ȝyuen odour with beste oyne-
 mentis. Thi name *is* oily sched out; therfor ȝonge dame-
 3 sels loueden thee. Drawe thou me after thee; we schulen
 renne in to the odour of thin oynementis. The kyng ledde
 me in to hise celeris; we myndeful of thi teetis aboue wyn,
 schulen make ful out ioye, and schulen be glad in thee;
 4 riȝtful men louen thee. ȝe douȝtris of Jerusalem, Y am
 blak, but fair, as the tabernaclis of Cedar, as the skynnes
 5 of Salomon. Nyle ȝe biholde me, that Y am blak, for
 the sunne hath discolourid me; the sones of my modir
 souȝten aȝens me, thei settiden me a keper in vyners; Y
 6 kepte not my vyner. *Thou spouse*, whom my soule loueth,
 schewe to me, where thou lesewist, where thou restist in
 myddai; lest Y bigynne to wandre, astir the flockis of thi
 7 felowis. A! thou fairest among wymmen, if thou knowist
 not thi silf, go thou out, and go forth astir the steppis of
 thi flockis; and seede thi kidis, bisidis the tabernaclis of
 8 scheepherdis. Mi frendesse, Y licnedee thee to myn oost
 9 of knyȝtis in the charis of Farao. Thi chekis ben feire,
 10 as of a turtle; thi necke *is* as brochis. We schulen make
 to thee goldun ournementis, departid and maad dyuerse
 11 with silver. Whanne the kyng was in his restyng-place,
 12 my narde ȝaf his odour. My derlyng is a bundel of myrre
 13 to me; he schal dwelle bitwixe my tetis. My derlyng *is*
 to me a cluster of cipre tre, among the vyneres of Engaddi.

14 Lo ! my frendesse, thou art fair ; lo ! thou *art* fair, thin *iȝen*
 15 *ben* the *iȝen* of culueris. Lo, my derling, thou art fair, and
 16 schapli ; oure bed *is* fair as flouris. The trees of oure housis
 1 *ben* of cedre ; oure couplis *ben* of cipresse. (II). I am a flour
 2 of the feeld, and a lilye of grete valeis. As a lilie among
 3 thornes, so *is* my frendesse among douȝtris. As an apple-tre
 among the trees of wodis, so my derlyng among sones.

CAP. II (II, *continued*).

I SAT vndur the shadewe of hym, whom Y desiride ; and
 4 his fruyt *was* swete to my throte. The king ledde me in
 5 to the wyn celer; he ordeynede charite in me. Bisette ȝe
 me with flouris, cumpasse ȝe me with applis; for Y am
 6 sijk for loue. His lefft hond *is* vndur myn heed; and his
 7 riȝt hond schal biclippe me. ȝe douȝtris of Jerusalem, Y
 charge ȝou greetli, bi capretis, and hertis of feeldis, that ȝe
 reise not, nether make to awake the dereworthe *spousesse*,
 8 til sche wole. The vois of my derlyng ; lo ! this *derlyng*
 cometh leepynge in mounteyns, and skippynge ouer little
 9 hillis. My derlyng is lijk a capret, and a calf of hertis ;
 lo ! he stondith bihynde oure wal, and biholdith bi the wyn-
 10 dows, and lokith thorouȝ the latisis. Lo ! my derlyng
 spekith to me, My frendesse, my culuer, my faire *spousesse*,
 11 rise thou, haaste thou, and come thou ; for wyntir is passid
 12 now, reyn is goon, and is departid awei. Flouris apperiden
 in oure lond, the tyme of schridyng is comun ; the vois of
 13 a turtle is herd in oure lond, the fige tre hath brouȝt forth
 hise buddis; vyneris flourynge han ȝoue her odour. My
 frendesse, my fayre *spousesse*, rise thou, haaste thou, and
 14 come thou. My culuer *is* in the hoolis of stoon, in the
 chyne of a wal with-out morter. Schewe thi face to me,
 thi vois sowne in myn eeris ; for thi vois is swete, and thi

15 face is fair. Catche *þe* little foxis to vs, that destrien the
 16 vyneris; for oure vyner hath flourid. My derlyng *is* to me,
 17 and Y *am* to hym, which is fed among lilies; til the dai
 sprynge, and schadewis be bowid doun. My derlyng, turne
 thou *aȝen*; be thou lijk a capret, and a calf of hertis, on the
 hillis of Betel.

CAP. III.

1 In my litle bed Y souȝte hym bi niȝtis, whom my soule
 2 loueth; Y souȝte hym, and Y foond not. I shal rise, and Y
 schal cumpasse the citee, bi litle stretis and large stretis; Y
 schal seke hym, whom my soule loueth; I souȝte hym, and
 3 Y foond not. Wakeris, that kepen the citee, founden me.
 4 Whether *þe* sien hym, whom my soule loueth? A litil whanne
 Y hadde passid hem, Y foond hym, whom my soule loueth;
 Y helde hym, and Y schal not leue *hym*, til Y brynge him in
 5 to the hous of my modir, and in to the closet of my modir. *þe*
 douȝtris of Jerusalem, Y charge you greetli, bi the capretis, and
 hertis of feeldis, that *þe* reise not, nether make to awake the
 6 dereworthe *spousesse*, til sche wole. Who is this *womman*, that
 stieth bi the deseert, as a *ȝerde* of smoke of swete smellynge
 spices, of mirre, and of encence, and of al poudur of an oyne-
 7 ment-makere? Lo! sixti stronge men of the strongeste men
 8 of Israel cumpassen the bed of Salomon; and alle thei holden
 swerdis, and *ben* moost witti to batels; the swerd of ech man
 9 *is* on his hipe, for the drede of nyȝtis. Kyng Salomon made to
 10 hym a seete, of the trees of Liban; he made the pilers therof
 of siluer; *he made* a goldun restyng-place, a stiying of purpur;
 and he arayede the myddil thingis with charite, for the douȝ-
 11 tris of Jerusalem. *þe* douȝtris of Sion, go out, and se kyng
 Salomon in the diadem, bi which his modir crownede hym,
 in the dai of his sposyng, and in the dai of the gladnesse of
 his herte.

CAP. IV.

1 Mi frendesse, thou art ful fair ; thin iȝen *ben* of culueris,
 with-outen that that is hid with-ynne ; thin heeris *ben* as the
 2 flockis of geete, that stieden fro the hil of Galaad. Thi teeth
ben as the flockis of clippid sheep, that stieden fro waischyng ;
 alle *ben* with double lambren, and no bareyn is among tho.
 3 Thi lippis *ben* as a reed lace, and thi speche *is* swete ; as the
 relis of an appil of Punyk, so *ben* thi chekis, with-outen that,
 4 that is hid with-ynne. Thi necke *is* as the tour of Dawid,
 which is bildid with strengthis maad bifore for defense ; a
 thousynde scheldis hangen on it, al armure of stronge men.
 5 Thi twei tetis *ben* as twey kidis, twynnes of a capret, that ben
 6 fed in lilies, til the dai sprynge, and shadewis ben bowid doun.
 Y schal go to the mounteyn of myrre, and to the litil hil of
 7 encense. My frendesse, thou art al faire, and no wem is in
 8 thee. My spousesse, come thou fro the Liban ; come thou
 fro the Liban, come thou ; thou schalt be corowned fro the
 heed of Amana, fro the cop of Sanyr and Hermon, fro the
 9 dennys of liouns, fro the hillis of pardis. My sister spousesse,
 thou hast woundid myn herte ; thou hast woundid myn herte,
 10 in oon of thin iȝen, and in oon heer of thi necke. My sistir
 spousesse, thi tetis ben ful faire ; thi tetis ben feirere than
 wyn, and the odour of thi clothis *is* aboue alle swete smel-
 11 lynge oynementis. Spousesse, thi lippis *ben* an hony-coomb
 droppynge ; hony and mylk *ben* vndur thi tunge, and the
 12 odour of thi clothis *is* as the odour of encence. Mi sister
 spousesse, a gardyn closid togidere ; a gardyn closid togidere,
 13 a welle aseelid. Thi sendingis out *ben* paradis of applis of
 14 Punyk, with the fruytis of applis, cipre-trees, with narde ;
 narde, and saffrun, *an erbe clepid* fistula, and canel, with alle
 trees of the Liban, myrre, and aloes, with alle the beste oyne-

15 mentis. A welle of gardyns, a pit of wallynge watrie, that
 16 flowen with fersnesse fro the Liban. Rise thou north *wynd*,
 and come thou, south *wynd*; blowe thou thorouȝ my gardyn,
 and the swete smellynge oynementis therof schulen flete.

CAP. V.

1 Mi derlyng, come in to his gardyn, to ete the fruyt of his
 2 applicis. Mi sister spousesesse, come thou in to my gardyn. Y
 have rope my myrre, with my swete smellynge spices; Y
 haue ete an hony combe, with myn hony; Y haue drunke
 3 my wyn, with my mylk. Frendis, ete ȝe, and drynke; and
 4 derewortheſte *frendis*, be ȝe fillid greetli. Y slepe, and myn
 herte wakith. The vois of my derlyng knockyng; my sister,
 my frendesse, my culuer, my *spousesesse* vnwemmed, opene thou
 to me; for myn heed is ful of dew, and myn heeris *ben* ful of
 5 dropis of niȝtis. I have vnclothid me of my coote; hou schal
 6 Y be clothid ther ynne? I haue waische my feet; hou schal
 7 Y defoule tho? Mi derlyng putte his hond bi an hoole;
 8 and my wombe tremblide at the touchyng therof. Y roos, for
 9 to opene to my derlyng; myn hondis droppiden myrre, and
 10 my syngris *weren* ful of myrre moost preued. Y openede the
 wiket of my dore to my derlyng; and he hadde bowid awei,
 and hadde passid. My soule was meltid, as the derlyng spak;
 Y souȝte, and Y foond not hym; Y clepide, and he answerde
 not to me. Keperis that cumpassiden the citee founden me;
 thei smytiden me, and woundiden me; the keperis of wallis
 stoken awey my mentil. ȝe douȝtris of Jerusalem, Y biseche
 11 ȝou bi an hooli thing, if ȝe han founde my derlyng, that ȝe
 12 telle to hym, that Y am sijk for loue. A! thou faireste of
 wymmen, of what manner condicioun is thi derlyng of the
 louede? of what manner condicioun is thi derling of a der-
 13 ling? for thou hast bisouȝt vs bi an hooli thing. My derling

11 *is* whyt and rodi ; chosun of thousyndis. His heed *is* best gold ; his heeris *ben* as the bowis of palm trees, *and ben*
 12 blake as a crowe. Hise *izzen* *ben* as culueris on the strondis of
 13 wairis, that *ben* waischid in mylk, and sitten besidis fulleste
 14 ryueris. Hise chekis *ben* as gardyns of swete smellynge spices,
 set of oynement makeris ; hise lippis *ben* lilies, droppynge
 14 doun the best mytre. Hise hondis *ben* able to turne aboute,
 goldun, and ful of iacynctis ; his wombe *is* of yuer, ourned
 15 with safiris. Hise lippis *ben* pilers of marble, that *ben* soundid
 on foundementis of gold ; his schapplinesse *is* as of the Liban,
 16 *he is* chosun as cedris. His throte *is* moost swete, and *he is*
 al desirable. *þe* douȝtris of Jerusalem, siche *is* my derlyng,
 1; and this *is* my freend. Thou faireste of wymmen, whidur
 ȝede thi derlyng ? whidur bowide thi derlyng ? and we schulen
 seke hym with thee.

CAP. VI.

1 My derlyng ȝede down in to his orcherd, to the gardyn of
 swete smellynge spices, that he be fed there in orcherdis, and
 2 gadere lilyes. Y to my derlyng ; and my derlyng, that is fed
 3 among the lilies, *be* to me. Mi frendesse, thou art fair, swete
 and schappli as Jerusalem, *thou art* ferdful as the scheltrun of
 4 oostis set in good ordre. Turne awei thin *izzen* fro me, for
 tho maden me to fle awei ; thin heeris *ben* as the flockis of
 5 geet, that apperiden fro Galaad. Thi teeth as a flok of scheep,
 that stieden fro waischyng ; alle *ben* with double lambren,
 6 ether taynnes, and no bareyn is among tho. As the rynde of
 7 a pumgranate, so *ben* thi chekis, without thi priuytees. Sixti
 8 ben queenys, and eiȝti ben secundarie wyues ; and of ȝong
 damesels is noon noumbre. Oon *is* my culuer, my perfit
spousesse, oon *is* to hir modir, and *is* the chosun of hir modir ;
 the douȝtris of Syon sien hir, and prechiden *hir* moost blessid ;
 queenys, and secundarie wyues preisiden hir. Who *is* this,

that goith forth, as the moreutid risynge, fair as the moone,
 chosun as the sunne, ferdful as the scheltrun of oostis set in
 10 good ordre? Y cam doun in to myn orcherd, to se the
 applis of grete valeis, and to biholde, if vyneris hadden flourid,
 11 and if pumgranate trees hadden buriowned. Y knew not ;
 12 my soule disturblide me, for the charis of Amynadab. Turne
 aȝen, turne aȝen, thou Sunamyte ; turne aȝen, turne aȝen, that
 we biholde thee. What schalt thou se in the Sunamyte, no
 but cumpenyes of oostis?

CAP. VII.

1 Douȝter of the prince, thi goyngis ben ful faire in schoon ;
 the ioynturis of thi heppis *ben* as brochis, that ben maad bi
 2 the hond of a crafti man. Thi nawle *is* as a round cuppe,
 and wel formed, that hath neuere nede to drynkis ; thi
 3 wombe *is* as an heep of whete, biset aboute with lilies. Thi
 4 twei teetis *ben* as twei kidis, twynnes of a capret. Thi necke
is as a tour of yuer ; thin iȝen *ben* as cisternes in Esebon, that
 ben in the ȝate of the douȝter of multitude ; thi nose *is* as the
 5 tour of Liban, that biholdith aȝens Damask. Thin heed *is*
 as Carmele ; and the heeres of thin heed *ben* as the kyngis
 6 purpur, ioyned to trowȝis. Dereworthe *spousesse*, thou art ful
 ; fair, and ful schappli in delices. Thi stature is licned to
 8 a palm tree, and thi tetis to clustris of grapis. I seide, Y
 schal stie in to a palm tree, and Y schal take the fruytis
 therof. And thi tetis schulen be as the clustris of grapis
 of a vyner ; and the odour of thi mouth as the odour of
 9 pumgranatis ; thi throte *schal be* as beste wyn. Worthi to
 my derlyng for to drynke, and to hise lippis and teeth to
 10 chewe. Y *schal cleue by loue* to my derlyng, and his turnyng
 11 *schal be* to me. Come thou, my derlyng, go we out in to the
 12 feeld ; dwelle we togidere in townes. Ryse we eerli to the

vyner; se we, if the vyner bath flourid, if the flouris bryngen forth fruytis, if pumgranatis han flourid; there I schal ȝyue
 13 to thee my tetis. Mandrogoris han ȝoue her odour in oure
 ȝatis; my derlyng, Y haue kept to thee alle applis, new and
 elde.

CAP. VIII.

1 Who mai grante to me thee, my brother, soukynge the
 tetis of my modir, that Y fynde thee aloone without forth,
 2 and that Y kisse thee, and no man dispise me thanne? Y
 schal take thee, and Y schal lede *thee* in to the hous of
 my modir, and in to the closet of my modir; there thou
 schalt teche me, and Y schal ȝyne to thee drink
 of wyn maad swete, and of the must of my pumgra-
 3 natis. His lefthond vndur myn heed, and his riȝthond
 4 schal biclippe me. ȝe douȝtris of Jerusalem, Y charge ȝou
 greethi, that ȝe reise not, nether make the dereworthe *spousesse*
 5 to awake, til sche wole. Who is this *spousesse*, that stieth fro
 desert, and flowith in delices, and restith on hir derlynge?
 Y reiside thee vndur a pumgranate tre; there thi modir was
 6 corrupt, there thi modir was defoulid. Set thou me as a
 signet on thin herte, as a signet on thin arm; for loue is
 strong as deth, enuy *is* hard as helle; the laumpis therof *ben*
 7 laumpis of fier, and of flawmes. Many watriis moun not
 quenche charite, nether floodis schulen oppresse it. Thouȝ
 a man ȝyue al the catel of his hous for loue, he schal
 8 dispise that *catel* as nouȝt. Oure sistir *is* litil, and hath no
 tetyis; what schulen we do to oure sistir, in the dai whanne
 9 sche schal be spoknn to? If it is a wal, bilde we theronne
 siluerne touris; if it is a dore, ioyne we it togidere with tablis
 10 of cedre. I *am* a wal, and my tetis *ben* as a tour; sithen
 11 Y am maad as fyndyng pees bifore hym. A vyner was to
 the pesible; in that *citee*, that hath puplis, he bitook it to

keperis; a man bryngith a thousynde platis of siluer for
12 the fruyt therof. The vyner is bifore me; a thousynde *ben*
of thee pesible, and two hundrid to hem that kepen the
13 fruytis therof. Frendis herkene thee, that dwellist in or-
14 chertis; make thou me to here thi vois. My derlyng; fle
thou: be thou maad lijk a capret, and a calf of hertis, on the
hillis of swete smellynge spices.

G L O S S A R Y.

In the Glossary as printed in the quarto edition, some of the words appear in slightly different forms. In the present reprint, only those forms are retained which occur in the *later* version.

The abbreviations will be readily understood. Thus *adj.* = adjective; *adv.* = adverb; *prep.* = preposition; *pr. t.* = present tense; *p. t.* = past tense; *pr. p.* = present participle; *p. p.* past participle; *pl.* = plural; *s.* = substantive or singular; *v.* = verb (infinitive mood).

A.

- Abac**, *adv.* back, backwards, Ps. ix. 4: xlii. 2; *i.e.* to flight, Ps. xvii. 41.
Abiden, *pr. t. pl.* wait on, Ps. ciii. 27; *p. t.* **Abood**, waited, waited for, Job xxx. 26; Ps. xxxix. 1; liv. 9; cxviii. 166; remained, Ps. cv. 11; *pl.* **abidien**, **aboden**, Ps. cv. 13; cxviii. 95.
Abiding, *s.* expectation, Ps. xxxviii. 8.
Afer, *adv.* afar, Job ii. 12.
Aferd, *p. p.* afraid, Job iv. 14; xi. 19.
A-fiere, *adv.* on fire, Prov. xxx. 5.
Aggregid, *p. p.* made heavy, Job xxiii. 2.
Aisch, *aische*, *s.* ashes, Job xiii. 12; xxx. 19; *pl.* **aschis**, Ps. ci. 10.
Alargedist, *p. t. 2 p.* madest large, Ps. xvii. 37; *p. p.* **alargid**, Ps. iv. 2.
Alemaunde-tre, *s.* almond-tree, Eccles. xii. 5.
Almeest, **almest**, *adv.* almost, Ps. lxxii. 2; xciii. 17.
Altherhiȝeste, *adj.* most high, very high, Ps. lvi. 3; lxxxvi. 5; xc. 9.

Al to-breke, *v.* to break in pieces entirely, Job ix. 17; *imp.* Job vi. 9; *p. t.* **al tobrik**, Job xxix. 17; *p. p.* **al to-broke**, **al to-brokun**, Job iv. 10; Ps. iii. 8.

Al to-brese, *v.* to break utterly in pieces, Ps. xlvi. 10.

Amendide, *p. t.* amended, set right, Ps. xvii. 36; *p. p.* **amendid**, Ps. xcvi. 10.

Ante, *s.* ant, Prov. vi. 6; *pl.* **amtis**, Prov. xxx. 25.

Anefeld, *s.* an anvil, Job xli. 15.

Anentis, *prep.* with, at, before, Job xxv. 2; Ps. xxxvi. 23; cviii. 20.

Angwisch, *s.* anguish, Job vi. 7.

Anoon, *adv.* presently, as soon as, Job iii. 11; Ps. xxxvi. 20.

Anoye, *s.* annoyance, Ps. cxviii. 28.

Anoye, *v.* to grieve, trouble, Job ix. 21; *pr. t. pl.* **anoien**, Ps. xxxiv. 1.

Anyntische, *imp. pl.* bring to nought, destroy, Ps. cxxxvi. 7; *p. p.* **anyntischid**, brought to nought, *i.e.* emptied out, Ps. lxxiv. 9.

Applis, *s. pl.* apples, Ps. lxxviii. 1 (*Lat. pomorum*).

Arerid, *p. p.* raised up, Ps. cvi. 25.

Arette, *v.* to reckon, charge, Job

- xi. 18; *p. t.* arrettide, Ps. xxxi. 2; *pl.* arettiden, Job xxx. 7; *f. f.* arettid, arrettid, Job xviii. 3; Ps. cv. 31.
- Arewis**, arowia, *s. pl.* arrows, Job vi. 4; Ps. vii. 14.
- Armeria**, armuris, *s. pl.* armour, Ps. xxxiv. 2; xl. 10.
- As** . . . so and, as . . . even so, Prov. xii. 12.
- Assiae**, *imp.* try, prove, Ps. xxv. 2.
- Ascapide**, *p. t.* escaped, Job i. 15, 16, 17.
- Aischia**, *s. pl.* ashes, Ps. ci. 10. See aisch.
- Aseelid**, *p. p.* sealed, S. Sol. iv. 12.
- Aslepid**, *p. p.* asleep, Prov. xxiii. 34.
- Aspie**, *v.* to lay wait for, watch privily, Ps. xxvi. 12.
- Aspies**, *s. pl.* spies, ambush, Job xxxi. 9; Ps. ix. (x). 8.
- Astorid**, *p. p.* made ready, Job xix. 20 (Lat. *instaurabitur*).
- Ausunthi**, *pr. t.* boasts, Prov. xxviii. 25.
- Auerouse**, *adj.* avaricious, Prov. i. 19; xxix. 4.
- Avoidid**, *p. p.* made void, done away, Job xv. 4.
- Avouter**, *s.* adulterer, Job xxii. 15.
- Auowis**, awowia, *s. pl.* vows, Ps. xlix. 14; lv. 12.
- Avowtreria**, *s. pl.* adulterers, Ps. xlii. 18.
- Auter**, *s.* altar, Ps. xxv. 6; xlii. 4.
- Axe**, *v.* to ask, seek out, Job xxxi. 14; *pr. t. pl.* axen, Ps. x. 5; *f. t. pl.* axiden, Ps. xxxiv. 11; cv. 40; *imp.* ax, Job xii. 7.
- Axre**, *s.* asker, Job iii. 18; xxix. 7.
- Axyng**, *s.* a petition, Job vi. 8; *pl.* axyngis, Ps. xix. 7; xxxvi. 4.
- Azen**, *adv.* again, Job i. 21.
- Azembiere**, *s.* redeemer, Job xii. 25; Ps. xviii. 15.
- Azembieith**, *pr. t.* redeems, Ps. vii. 3; *imp.* azenbie, azeyn-bie, Ps. xlv. 11; cxviii. 134; *p. p.*
- azenbouȝt, aȝen-bouȝt, Job xv. 31; Ps. xxx. 6.
- Azenlepe**, *imp.* call again, Ps. ci. 25.
- Azena**, aȝenus, *prep.* against, Job i. 22; lxxiii. 13; Ps. ii. 3.
- Azenseie**, *t.* to contradict, Job xi. 10.
- Azenseyngis**, *s. pl.* contradictions, Ps. xvii. 44.
- Azenstood**, *p. t.* withheld, resisted, Job ix. 4; *pr. f. azen-* stondyne, Ps. vi. 8.

B.

- Bareyn**, *adj.* childless, Job xxiv. 21.
- Bedstre**, *s.* bed, couch, Ps. vi. 7; xl. 4.
- Been**, *s. pl.* bees, Ps. cxvii. 12.
- Beete**, *v.* to beat, Ps. cxviii. 4; *pr. t.* betith, Job ix. 23; *f. t. pl.* beeten, Prov. xxiii. 35; *p. p.* betun, Ps. lxii. 5.
- Ben**, *pr. t. pl.* are, Job iii. 8; Ps. ix. 21; xxvii. 5; lxii. 1; *f. f. be*, Job xviii. 3.
- Bere**, *pr. t.* bear, Job xii. 14; *f. t. beren*, Job ix. 13; *p. t.* bar, Job iii. 10; ix. 5; *pr. p.* berynge, Job ix. 26; *p. p.* borun, Job i. 2; xi. 12.
- Bernacle**, *s.* a bit or snaffle for a horse (Lat. *camus*), Ps. xxxi. 9; Prov. xvi. 3.
- Berneia**, *s. pl.* barns, Prov. iii. 10.
- Betyngis**, *s. pl.* stripes, blows, plagues, Job xix. 6; xl. 15; Ps. xxxi. 10; xxvii. 18; lxxxviii. 33.
- Biclippe**, *imp. pl.* embrace, Ps. xlvi. 13; *pr. t. pl.* biclippen, Job xxiv. 8.
- Bie**, *s.* a necklace, Prov. i. 9.
- Bie**, *v.* to buy, Prov. xvii. 16.
- Biere**, *s.* a buyer, Prov. xl. 14.
- Bifelde**, *p. t.* befell, Job iii. 25; *p. p.* bifelde, Job ii. 11.
- Bifor-come**, *imp.* anticipate, Ps. xvi. 13; *p. p.* bifor-come, Ps. xl. 4.

- Bifore occupie**, *v.* to pre-engage, Ps. xciv. 2.
- Bifore-se**, *v.* to foresee, Eccles. iv. 13; *p.p.* **bifor seien**, Ps. cxxxviii. 4.
- Bifore synge**, *v.* to lead the chant, Ps. exlvii. 7.
- Bifore take**, *imp.* take first or beforehand, Ps. lxxviii. 8; *p.t.* **bifore took**, Ps. lxxvi. 5.
- Biheest**, *s.* a promise, command, Ps. lv. 10; Eccles. iv (v). 3.
- Bihetith**, *pr. t.* promiseth, Job xvii. 5; Prov. xii. 18; *p.p.* **bibiȝt**, Prov. vi. 1.
- Biholde**, *p.p.* beheld, Job i. 8.
- Bihynde**, *adv.* backwards, Ps. xlivi. 11.
- Bijs**, *s.* silk, Prov. xxxi. 22.
- Bikenen**, *pr. t. pl.* beckon, make signs, Ps. xxxiv. 19.
- Bilden**, *p.t. pl.* built, Job iii. 14.
- Bimowe**, *v.* to mock, Ps. ii. 4.
- Biriels**, *s. pl.* tombs, burying-places, Job xv. 28 (*Biriels* is properly a sing. form, but is here used to translate Lat. *tumulos*. A. S. *burgels*, a burying-place).
- Biriede**, *p.t.* buried, Ps. lxxviii. 3.
- Birth**, *s.* increase, Ps. cvi. 37 (Lat. *nativitatis*).
- Birthun**, *s.* a burden, Ps. xxxvii. 5.
- Bisched**, *p.p.* covered, Ps. lxxxviii. 46 (Lat. *perfudisti*).
- Bisegiden**, *p.t. pl.* besieged, Ps. xxi. 13.
- Bisi**, *adj.* careful, Ps. xxxix. 18 (Lat. *solicitus*).
- Bisyndesse**, *s.* business, care, Eccles. iv. 4; *pl.* **bisyndesses**, Eccles. iv. 4.
- Bispreynt**, *p.p.* sprinkled, Prov. vii. 17.
- Bitake**, *v.* to deliver, give up, Job xxx. 23; *p.t.* **bitook**, Ps. lxxvii. 48; *p.p.* **bitakun**, Ps. lxii. 11.
- Bithenke**, *v.* to meditate, recollect, Ps. i. 2; xxi. 28; xxxiv. 28; *p.t.* **bithouȝte**, Ps. xli. 5.
- Bitternessis**, *s. pl.* bitter sorrows, Job xiii. 26.
- Biwlappe**, *v.* to wrap, Job xviii. 11.
- Blisfulere**, *adj. comp.* happier, Eccles. iv. 3.
- Bloodis**, *s. pl.* bloody deeds, cruelties, Ps. xxv. 9; cv. 39.
- Blosme**, *v.* to blossom, Ps. lxxi. 16.
- Bolis**, *s. pl.* bulls, Job xlvi. 6; Ps. xxii. 13.
- Bolneth**, *pr. t.* becomes puffed up or swoln, Job xv. 13; *p.t.* **bolnyde**, Job xvi. 17; *pr.p.* **bolnyng**, Job xxxviii. 11.
- Boon**, *s.* bone, Ps. ci. 6; cxxxviii. 15; *pl.* **bonys, boones, boonyss**, Job x. 11; Ps. vi. 3; lli. 6; cxl. 7.
- Boor**, *s.* a boar, Ps. lxxix. 14.
- Boord, bord**, *s.* a table, Ps. xxii. 5; lxxvii. 19.
- Borewe**, *s.* surety, Prov. xx. 16; *pl.* **borewis**, Prov. xxii. 26.
- Borewe**, *v.* to borrow, Ps. xxxvi. 21.
- Botche**, *s.* a boil, Job ii. 7.
- Botere**, *s.* butter, Job xxix. 6; Prov. xxx. 33.
- Bouwe, bowe**, *s.* an arch, a bow, Ps. vii. 13; lxiii. 5; Prov. xx. 26.
- Bouwe**, *v.* to bend, turn away, Ps. xlvi. 5; *p.t.* **bowide**, poured (Lat. *inclinavit*), Ps. lxxiv. 9; *pl.* **bowiden**, directed (Lat. *declinaverunt*), Ps. xx. 12; **boweden**, bowiden, Ps. xiii. 3; lli. 4; *p.p.* **bowid**, Ps. xxxvii. 7; lxiii. 19; xlvi. 7.
- Bowge**, *s.* a bottle, Ps. cxviii. 83.
- Bowiden**, *p.t. pl.* directed, Ps. xx. 12 (Lat. *declinaverunt*). See under **Bouwe**.
- Breed**, *s.* bread, Ps. xxxvi. 25; ciii. 14.
- Breede**, *s.* breadth, Ps. xvii. 20.
- Breide**, *v.* to draw, pull, Ps. xxiv. 15.
- Brekyng**, *s.* breach, gap, Ps. cv. 23 (Lat. *in confractione in conspectu ejus*).
- Brenneth**, *pr. t.* burns, Ps. ii. 14; *imp.* **brenne**, Ps. xxv. 2; *p.t.*

- brente, Ps. xv. 18; *pl.* brenten, Ps. lxxiii. 7; *pr. p.* brennyng, brynyngge, Job xxvii. 21; Ps. lxxxii. 15; *cii.* 4; *p. p.* brent, Job i. 5; Ps. ix. (x). 2.
- Brere, *s.* a briar, Job xxxi. 40.
- Brid, *s.* a bird, a young bird, Job v. 7; *pl.* briddis, briddys, bryddis, Job xxv. 11; xxviii. 41; Ps. lxxxiii. 4; cxvi. 9.
- Brītnessia, *s.* *pl.* splendors, Ps. cix. 3.
- Brochis, *s.* *pl.* brooches, S. Sol. i. 9.
- Brodeste, *adj. superl.* broadest, Job xxxvi. 16.
- Bruk, *s.* a locust, Ps. civ. 34 (Lat. *brucus*).
- Brymston, *s.* brimstone, Job xviii. 15; Ps. x. 7.
- Buckis of geet, *s.* *pl.* he-goats, Ps. lxv. 15. See under Geet.
- Buriowne, *v.* to produce, germinate, Job xiv. 9.
- Buschis, *s.* *pl.* bushes, Job xxx. 7.
- Buylith, *pr. t.* boileth, Prov. xv. 2; *t. t. pl.* buyliden, Job xxx. 27.
- Bythenke, *v.* to meditate on, re-collect, Ps. xxxvii. 1. See Bithenke.
- C.**
- Caitifte, *s.* captivity, Ps. xiii. 7; lii. 7; lvii. 19.
- Calengyng, *pr. p.* accusing, Prov. xviii. 3.
- Canel, *s.* cinnamon, Prov. vii. 17.
- Capparis, *s.* the caper-shrub (Lat. *capparis*), Eccles. xii. 5.
- Capret, *s.* a wild goat, S. Sol. ii. 9; *pl.* capretis, S. Sol. ii. 7.
- Careyn, *s.* a carcase, Job xxxix. 30.
- Castels, *s.* *pl.* tents, camp, Ps. xxvii. 28; cv. 16.
- Castyng afore, *s.* forethought, Job xxxiv. 27.
- Catel, *s.* substance, goods, Ps. cvii. 11; Prov. i. 13.
- Caudron, *s.* cauldron, Ps. cvi. 9.
- Cantelouse, *adj.* cautious, crafty, Job v. 13.
- Celeria, *s.* *pl.* cellars, S. Sol. i. 3.
- Cesoun, *s.* season, Eccles. viii. 6.
- Chair, *s.* chair, seat, Ps. cvi. 32.
- Challenge, *s.* accusation, Prov. xxviii. 16; *pl.* chalengis, Eccles. iv. 1.
- Chalengere, *s.* accuser, Ps. lxi. 4; *pl.* chalengeris, Job xxxv. 9.
- Charre, *s.* chariot, Ps. lvii. 18; *pl.* charis, Ps. xix. 8.
- Chargiden, *p. t. pl.* regarded, Prov. i. 25.
- Charhouse, *adj.* chargeable, burdensome, Prov. xxvii. 3.
- Chaungyng, *s.* changing, Ps. lxxxiii. 52 (Lat. *commutatio-nem*); *pl.* chaungyngis, ex-changings, Ps. xlvi. 13.
- Cheer, chere, *s.* countenance, face, Job iv. 16; Ps. iv. 7; x. 8; *pl.* cheris, looks, Ps. liv. 22.
- Chees, *p. t.* chose, Job vii. 15; Ps. xxiv. 12; xxxii. 12; *pl.* cheesi-den, Job vii. 15; *p. p.* chose, Ps. lxv. 5.
- Chere, *s.* face, Job iv. 16. See Cheer.
- Childith, *pr. t.* bringeth forth children, Job xxiv. 21; *p. t.* childide, Ps. vii. 15.
- Chirche, *s.* assembly, Ps. xxxix. 10; lxxviii. 6; cvi. 32; *pl.* chirchis, Ps. lxvii. 27.
- Chyne, *s.* an opening, chink, breach in a wall, S. Sol. ii. 14.
- Clees, *s.* *pl.* hoofs, *lit.* claws, Ps. lxviii. 32.
- Clei, *s.* clay, Job xiii. 12.
- Cleunner, *adj. comp.* cleaner, purer, Prov. iii. 14; *superl.* cleaneste, 21.
- Clennesse, *s.* cleanliness, Ps. xvii. 21.
- Clepe, *v.* to call, Job xii. 4; *p. t. pl.* clepiden, Job i. 4; *pr. p.* clepynge, Job ix. 16.
- Cleare, *adj.* splendid, bright, Ps. xv. 6.
- Cleuede, *p. t.* cleaved, Ps. lxii. 9.
- Closyngis, *s.* *pl.* leaves of a gate, Prov. viii. 3.

- Clothide**, *p. t.* put on, Ps. cxviii. 18.
Clottis, *s. pl.* clods, Job xxviii. 6; xxxviii. 38; xxxix. 10.
Cocatrice, *s.* a basilisk, Ps. xc. 13.
Coffyn, *s.* a basket (*Lat. cophinus*), Ps. lxxx. 7.
Colle, *v.* to embrace, Eccles. iii. 5.
Collyngis, *s. pl.* embraces, Prov. vii. 18; Eccles. iii. 5.
Comelyng, *s.* a stranger, Ps. xxxviii. 14; xciii. 6; *pl. comelingis*, Ps. civ. 12.
Compunct, *p. p.* filled with compunction, Ps. iv. 5; xxix. 13.
Comun, *p. p.* come, Job i. 6.
Comynalte, *s.* community, state, Prov. xxix. 2.
Comyne, *v.* to commune, Ps. cxl. 4.
Comynte, *s.* commonalty, community, Job xxiv. 9.
Coniectere, *s.* diviner, Prov. xxiii. 7.
Consuls, *s. pl.* chief men, Job iii. 14.
Conuenticulis, *s. pl.* conventicles, Ps. xv. 4.
Coolis, *s. pl.* coals, Ps. xvii. 13.
Coordinis, *s. pl.* lines, Ps. xv. 6. See **Corde**.
Coostis, *s. pl.* coasts, Ps. vii. 7.
Coote, *s.* coat, Job xxx. 18.
Cop, coppe, *s.* top, Job xxii. 13; Ps. lxvii. 22; *pl. coppis*, Prov. viii. 2.
Corde, *s.* line, Ps. cxxxviii. 3 (*Lat. funiculum*); *cord of delyng*, line of separation, Ps. lxxvii. 54; *pl. coordis*, Ps. xv. 6.
Corour, *s.* a courier, runner, Job ix. 25. See **Currour**.
Cos, *s.* a kiss, S. Sol. i. 1; *pl. cossis*, Prov. xxvii. 6.
Coueitiden, *p. t. pl.* lusted, Ps. cv. 14.
Couenable, *adj.* suitable, Ps. ix (x). 1; xxxi. 6.
Couent, *s.* assembly, Ps. lxiii. 3; *pl. couentis*, Ps. xv. 4.
Coumfortid, *p. p.* strengthened, Ps. cxxxviii. 6, 17; cxli. 7; cxlvii. 13.
Couplis, *s. pl.* beams, rafters, S. Sol. i. 16.
Cratche, *s.* stall, crib, Job vi. 5; xxxix. 9.
Crist, *adj.* anointed, Ps. xvii. 51; xix. 7; xxvii. 8; *pl. cristis*, anointed ones, Ps. civ. 15.
Cristal, *s.* ice, Ps. cxlvii. 17.
Critouns, *s. pl.* refuse of the frying-pan, Ps. ci. 4. ‘*Cretons*, the crispie pieces or mammocks, remaining of lard, that hath been first shred, then boyled, and then strained through a cloath;’ Cotgrave. The Vulgate has *cremum*, firewood.
Crokid, *adj.* curved, Job xxvi. 13.
Crokiden, *p. t. pl.* turned away, Ps. xvii. 46.
Crudid, *p. p.* clotted, *lit. curded*, Job x. 10; Ps. lxvii. 16, 17 (*Lat. coagulatos*).
Culuer, *s.* a dove, Ps. liv. 7; lv. 1.
Cumpas, *in his, our, &c.* round about him, us, &c., Ps. xvii. 12; xlili. 14.
Cumpas, *v.* to go about, Ps. lviii. 7.
Currour, *s.* a runner, courier, Prov. xxiv. 34. See **Corour**.
Cursidnesse, *s.* misery, Ps. xiii. 3.
- D.
- Dai sterre**, *s.* the morning-star, Job xxxviii. 32.
Dameselis, *s.* damsels, Ps. lxvii. 26.
Dampne, *v.* to condemn, Job ix. 20; Ps. xxxvi. 33.
Dasewide, *p. t.* grew dim, Job xvii. 7.
Deboner, *adj.* mild, meek, Ps. xxiv. 9.
Deedli, *adj.* mortal, Job xxxvi. 31.
Defautis, *s. pl.* faults, Ps. xviii. 14.
Defoule, *v.* to tread down, destroy, defile, Ps. cxxxviii. 11; *p. p. defoulid*, Job xiv. 2; Ps. ix (x). 5.
Delices, *s. pl.* delights, luxuries, Job xxx. 7.
Delitable, *adj.* delightful, Ps. lxvi. 1; Eccles. xi. 7.

- Delite**, *v.* to delight, Ps. xxxiv. 9.
Delitingis, *s. pl.* delights, Ps. xv.
 10.
Delueden, *p. t. pl.* dug, pierced, Ps.
 xxi. 17; lvi. 7.
Deme, *v.* to judge, Ps. ix (x). 18;
pr. t. pl. demen, Ps. ii. 10; *p. t.*
demyde, Eccles. iv. 3; *p. p.*
demyd, Ps. ix. 20.
Departe, *v.* to divide, Job xxi. 17;
p. t. departide, parted, distin-
 guished, Ps. cv. 33 (Lat. *dis-
 tinxit*); *pr. p.* departynge, Ps.
 xxviii. 7.
Departyngis, *s. pl.* divisions, Ps.
 cxxxv. 13.
Depraneden, *p. t. pl.* turned to evil,
 Prov. i. 30.
Dereworth, dereworthe, *adj.*
 precious, Prov. v. 19; S. Sol. ii.
 7; *superl.* derewortheste, S.
 Sol. v. 1.
Derlyng, *s.* darling, S. Sol. ii. 9;
pl. derlyngis, Ps. lix. 6.
Destrie, *pr. t. subj.* mayst destroy,
 Ps. viii. 3; *p. p.* distried, dis-
 tryed, Job iv. 11; Ps. x. 4.
Denel, *s.* devil, Ps. cxviii. 6.
Diseesful, *adj.* troublesome, Ps.
 xxxiv. 13.
Disposable, *adj.* worthy to be des-
 pised, Prov. xviii. 1.
Disseit, *s.* deceit, Ps. xl. 10.
Disseruynge, *s.* deserving; bi dis-
 seruynge, deservedly, Ps. vii. 5.
Dissymelith, *pr. t.* dissembles,
 Prov. xii. 16; *p. t.* dissymilide,
 Job iii. 26.
Distried, distryed, *p. p.* destroyed,
 Job iv. 11; Ps. x. 4. See De-
 strie.
Distringyng, *s.* destruction, Job v. 21.
Disturble, *v.* to disturb, conioand,
 Job xiii. 11; Ps. ii. 5; xx. 10;
p. p. disturblid, Job iv. 5; Ps.
 vi. 11.
Disturblyng, *s.* a disturbance, Ps.
 xxx. 21.
Diyngis, *s. pl.* dyes, colours, Job
 xxviii. 19.
- Doen**, *pr. t. pl.* do, Ps. lxxii. 27;
p. t. pl. diden, Ps. v. 11; *p. p.* do,
 doon, Job x. 7; xx. 18; Ps. xl. 14.
Dom, doom, *s.* judgment, Job xxxvi.
 6; Ps. ix. 8; *pl.* domes, Ps. ix. 17.
Domeasmen, *s. pl.* judges, Ps. cxli. 6.
Doo, *s.* a doe, Prov. vi. 5.
Douster, *s.* daughter, Ps. ix. 15;
pl. douztria, Job i. 2.
Draft, *s.* dregs, Ps. xxxix. 3. [Read
 drast; draft is a false form].
Drast, *s.* dregs, Ps. lxxiv. 9.
Drawith, *pr. t.* draws towards
 him, Ps. ix (x). 9; *p. t.* drouz,
 drew, drew, Job xxiv. 22; Ps.
 cxviii. 131; Prov. vii. 21; *2 p.*
drowist, Ps. xxi. 10; *pl.* drowen,
 Ps. xxxvi. 14.
Drede, *s.* disgrace, Ps. lxxxviii. 41
 (Lat. *opprobrium*).
Dresse, *v.* to direct, guide, prepare,
 Ps. v. 9; vii. 10; xxiv. 9; *p. t.*
dresside, Ps. xxxix. 3; lviii. 5;
p. p. dressaid, Ps. xxxvi. 23.
Dressyngis, *s. pl.* guidances, Ps.
 xcvi. 4.
Drit, *s.* dirt, Ps. cxii. 7.
Droof, *p. t.* drove, Ps. xxxiii. 1;
pl. driueden, Job xxiv. 3; *p. p.*
dryunn, Job xiii. 12.
Duellen, *pr. t. pl.* dwell, Ps. lxxiv. 4.
Duyk, *s.* leader, prince, Job xxix.
 10; Prov. ii. 17; *pl.* duykis,
 Ps. lxvii. 28.
Dynuerseli, *adv.* in diverse direc-
 tions, apart, Ps. xliii. 11.
Dynuersitee, *s.* divers colours, Ps.
 xlii. 10; *pl.* dyuersitees, Ps.
 xlii. 14.
Dynuynge, *s.* a divination, Prov.
 xvi. 10.

E.

- Eddre**, *s.* an adder, Eccles. x. 8.
Eeld, *eld*, elde, *adj.* old, Job xiv.
 8; Ps. vi. 8; xxxi. 3; xxxvi. 25;
comp. eldre, Ps. cvi. 32.
Eerde, *s.* age, Ps. xcii. 11.
Erbe, *s.* an herb, Ps. lxxxix. 6;
pl. eerbis, Ps. xxxvi. 2.

- Eere, *s.* the ear, Ps. xvi. 6; *pl.* eeris, Ps. v. 2.
- Eere ring, *s.* earring, Job xlvi. 11.
- Eete, ete, *v.* to eat, Ps. ci. 5; cxvii. 2; *p.t.* eet, Ps. xi. 10; lxxvii. 45; *pl.* eeten, Job xlvi. 11; *pr.p.* etyng, Ps. cv. 20; *p.p.* etun, Job vi. 6.
- Eft, *adv.* again, Job vii. 4; Ps. xxvi. 8.
- Eir, *s.* air, sky, Job xii. 7; xxxv. 5.
- Eirun, *s. pl.* eggs, Job xxxix. 14.
- Eiȝte, eiȝthe, eighth, Ps. vi. 1 (Vulg. *pro octava*); xi. 1.
- Eiȝtetithe, eightieth, Ps. lxxx. 1.
- Eld, *adj.* old, Ps. xxxvi. 25. See Eeld.
- Ellis, else, but, Job ii. 5.
- Endlynaut, *pr.p.* disposed, Prov. xxix. 22.
- Enerite, *v.* to inherit, Ps. xxiv. 13; xxxvi. 9.
- Enforseen, *pr.t. pl.* endeavour, strive, Job vi. 27; xiii. 8.
- Enhaunse, *v.* to exalt, lift up, Ps. xxix. 2; *p.t.* enhaunside, Ps. xxvi. 6; *pr.p.* enhaunsyng, Ps. iii. 4; *p.p.* enhaunsid, Ps. xxxvi. 35; lxxi. 16.
- Enquere, *v.* to inquire into, Job x. 6; *p.p.* enquered, Ps. cxxxviii. 3.
- Enserche, *v.* to search into, Job x. 6.
- Ententif, *adj.* bent upon, attentive, Job xxix. 21; Ps. cxxix. 2.
- Ere, *v.* to plough, Job xxxix. 10; *p.t. pl.* eriden, Job i. 14.
- Erthe-tileria, *s. pl.* tillers of land, Job xxxi. 39.
- Eschewith, *pr.t.* avoids, Prov. xi. 15; xvii. 16.
- Etere, *s.* eater, Ps. xli. 5.
- Ether, *conj. or.*, Ps. xvii. 40; xxxii. 17.
- Euel, iuel, iuele, yuel, *adj.* evil, Job i. 8; Ps. lxxvii. 49; cxviii. 101; Prov. xv. 26.
- Euene, *adj.* equal, Ps. lxxxviii. 7; Eccles. iii. 19.
- Euene sterre, *s.* evening-star, Job xxxviii. 32.
- Euene worth, *adj.* of like value, Job xxviii. 19.
- Euenli, *adv.* equitably, Job ix. 32.
- Euennesse, *s.* justice, Ps. x. 8.
- Euer ethir, euer either, euer eithir, euere eithir, each, either, both alike, Job ix. 33; Prov. xvii. 15; xx. 12; Eccles. ii. 14; iv. 3; xi. 6.
- Euetee, *s.* a lizard, Prov. xxx. 28.

F.

- Failide on, *p.t.* was weak against, Ps. cxxxviii. 21.
- Fallinge-ax, *s.* a felling-axe, Ps. lxxiii. 6.
- Fallyngis, *s. pl.* ruins, Ps. cix. 6 (Lat. *ruinas*).
- Falsnessis, *s. pl.* frauds, Job xiii. 9.
- Fauȝte, *p.t.* fought, Ps. lix. 2.
- Feeble-asse, *s.* wild ass, Job vi. 5.
- Feerful, ferdful, *adj.* terrible, Job xvi. 10; Ps. xlvi. 3; cv. 22.
- Feersnesse, fersnesse, *s.* force, assault, fierceness, Job xxii. 11; Ps. xlv. 5.
- Fel, felle, *adj.* subtle, Prov. xii. 23; xiii. 16; xiv. 15.
- Felde, *p.t.* fell, Job i. 19; xvi. 15; *pl.* felden, fallen, Job i. 15; Ps. xv. 6; lviii. 4; *p.p.* fallun, Prov. vi. 3.
- Felnesse, *s.* astuteness, Job v. 13; Prov. i. 4 (Lat. *astutia*).
- Felonye, *s.* great wickedness, Job xxxv. 15.
- Felouschipid, *p.p.* associated, joined, united in, Prov. xxvi. 23.
- Fendis, *s. pl.* fiends, Job xx. 25.
- Fetheris, *s. pl.* wings, Ps. cxxxviii. 9.
- Feynere, *s.* a feigner, Prov. xi. 9; *pl.* feynaris, Job xxxvi. 13.
- Fille, *v.* to fulfil, fill, replenish, satisfy, Job v. 12; Ps. cix. 6 (Lat. *implebit*); Prov. v. 19; *pr.p.* fillynge, Prov. xxv. 14.
- Fischis, *s. pl.* fishes, Ps. viii. 9.
- Fitchid, *p.p.* fixed, Ps. xxxvii. 3.
- Flei, fley, *p.t.* flew, Ps. xvii. 11.

- Fleischis**, s. pl. flesh, Job xiii. 14.
Flete, v. to fow, float, meth. S. Sol.
 iv. 16; pr. t. fletith, Ps. lviii. 3;
 p. t. pl. fletiden, Ps. xcvi. 5; pr.
 p. fletinge, fletyng, Ps. xxi.
 15; Prov. xviii. 4.
Flotering, s. violent movement,
 Ps. liv. 23.
Floure, flowre, v. to flourish, Ps.
 xci. 13, 14; cii. 15; p. t. flour-
 ide, Ps. xxvii. 7.
Flowe, v. to abound, Job xxii. 26.
Flowing, s. a flood, Job xxi. 17.
Fole, s. people, Ps. xlvi. 1.
Fonned, adj. foolish, Job i. 22; ii.
 10.
Forsake, p. p. forsaken, Ps. ix. 11.
Forseid, pp. aforesaid, Ps. xviii. 14.
For-whi, forwhi, for-whi and,
 conj. because, for, wherefore, Job
 xiii. 16; xxi. 21; Ps. ix (x). 3;
 xxxix. 3; Prov. iv. 3.
Forzaten, p. t. pl. forgot, Ps. xlvi.
 21; p. p. forȝete, Job xix. 14;
 Ps. ix (x). 11; xlvi. 18.
Forȝoune, p. p. forgiven, Ps. xxxi. 5.
Foulere, s. a taker of birds, Prov.
 vi. 5.
Frendesse, s. a female friend, Prov.
 vii. 4; S. Sol. i. 8.
Fresche, adj. strange, new, Ps.
 lxxi. 10.
Fruyt, s. fruit, Ps. xx. 11.
Ful, adj. full, great; ful out
 ioyng, i. e. ful out - ioyng,
 great exultation, Ps. xli. 5.
Ful, adv. very, Ps. xv. 6.
Ful out, adv. completely, Ps. xx. 2.
Fulli, adj. extreme (lit. full-like),
 Ps. xxxi. 7, 11.
Fyndyngis, s. pl. inventions, Ps.
 xcvi. 8.
- G.
- Gadire**, v. to gather, Ps. xv. 4.
Geet, geete, s. pl. goats, Job
 xxxii. 1; Prov. xxvii. 27; geet-
 buckis, he-goats, Ps. xlvi. 9.
Gendrith, pr. t. begets, Eccles. vi. 3;
 p. p. gendrid, Job i. 13; Ps. ii. 7.
- Gendrure**, s. engendering, Job xl.
 12.
Gersawcun, gersawcun, s. a kind
 of falcon, Job xxxix. 13; Ps. ciii.
 17.
Gesse, v. to reckon, suppose, Job
 xli. 23; pr. t. geasith, Job xi.
 12; p. p. geassid, Job xiii. 5.
Gestia, s. pl. deeds, Prov. ix. 18.
Giant, s. a giant, Job xvi. 15.
Gileful, adj. deceitful, Ps. v. 7.
Gilefulli, gylefulli, adv. deceit-
 fully, Ps. v. 11; xiii. 3; Prov.
 xx. 19.
Gilia, giles, s. pl. guiles, Job xiii.
 7; Prov. xxvi. 24. See Gyle.
Gilours, s. pl. guileful men, de-
 ceivers, Ps. liv. 24.
Gird, p. p. girt; Ps. xvii. 33; gird
 the leendis, girt round the loins,
 Prov. xxx. 31.
Gladith, pr. t. maketh glad, Ps.
 xlvi. 4.
Glotouna, s. pl. gluttons, Prov.
 xxviii. 7.
Gnaste, v. to gnash, Ps. xxxvi. 12;
 p. t. pl. gnastiden, Ps. xxxiv. 16.
Gnawiden, p. t. pl. gnawed, Job
 xxx. 3.
Gobelyn, s. a goblin, demon, Ps.
 xc. 6.
Goen, goon, pr. t. pl. go, Job xxiv.
 5; Ps. xi. 9; lxxxvii. 5; p. t.
 sede, Job i. 12; Ps. xviii. 5; pl.
 zeden, Job i. 4; p. p. go, goon,
 Job ii. 2; Ps. xxxvii. 5.
Goteris, s. pl. droppings, drops, Ps.
 lxiv. 11; lxxi. 6.
Gouvernaila, gouernals, s. pl. go-
 vernment, Prov. i. 5; xx. 18.
Gouernour, s. a steersman, Prov.
 xxiii. 34.
Greece, s. pl. steps, degrees, Ps.
 cxli. 1.
Gretttere, adj. comp. greater, Ps.
 cxiii (cxv). 13.
Grenousere, adj. comp. more
 grievous, Job vi. 3.
Gratche, v. to grumble, Ps. lviii. 16;
 p. t. pl. gratchiden, Ps. cv. 25.

Gryndere, *s.* a grinder, Eccles. xii. 4; *pl.* *grynderis*, Eccles. xii. 3.
Gyle, *s.* guile, Ps. ix (x). 7; *pl.* *gilis*, giles, Job xiii. 7; Prov. xxvi. 24.

H.

Haburioun, *s.* a breastplate, Job xli. 17.

Haldere, *s.* possessor, Eccles. v. 10.

Halewide, *p. t.* sanctified, Job i. 5; *p. p.* *halewid*, Ps. xlvi. 5.

Halewyng, *s.* sanctifying, Ps. xxix. 1.

Han, *pr. t. pl.* have, Job xviii. 3; xxii. 15; Ps. v. 11.

Hep, *s.* chance, Job iv. 2.

Hardi, *adj.* bold, Job xxxvii. 24.

Heed, *s.* the head, Job i. 20; *i.e.* heading, beginning, Ps. xxxix. 9 (Lat. *capite*).

Heelthe, *s.* salvation, Ps. lix. 13. See *Heilthe*.

Heep, *s.* a heap, S. Sol. vii. 2.

Heer, hair, *i.e.* foliage (Lat. *comam*), Job xiv. 9; *pl.* *heeris*, *heiris*, hairs, Job iv. 15; Ps. xxxix. 13.

Heestis, *s. pl.* commands, Ps. cxviii. 4, 6.

Hegge, *s.* a hedge, Eccles. x. 8; *pl.* *heggis*, Ps. lxxxviii. 41.

Heire, *s.* sackcloth, Ps. xxxiv. 13; lxviii. 12.

Hei^z, *an hei^ze*. See *Hi^z*.

Hele, *v.* to conceal, cover, Prov. xxv. 2; *pr. t.* *helith*, Job xlii. 3; Prov. xi. 13; *p. p.* *hilid*, Job vi. 21; x. 22.

Helpide, *p. t.* helped, Ps. xciii. 17; *p. p.* *helpid*, Ps. lxxxv. 17; Prov. xviii. 19.

Helthe, *heelthe*, *s.* safety, salvation, Ps. xvii. 36; xx. 2; xxxiv. 3; xxxvi. 39; lxx. 13.

Hem, *pron. them*, Job i. 4; ii. 11; *hem silf*, themselves, one another, Ps. lxxii. 27; Prov. xxi. 2.

Hemmes, *s. pl.* hems, borders, Ps. xliv. 14.

Hengis, *s. pl.* hinges, Prov. xxvi. 14.
Her, *adj. pron.* their, Job xxi. 8; Ps. xxvii. 4; *gen.* *hern*, theirs, of them, Job xxiv. 6; Prov. xi. 24.
Herie, *v.* to praise, Ps. xxxiv. 18; *imp. pl.* Ps. xxviii. 2; *p. t. pl.* *herieden*, Job xxxviii. 7.

Heriying, *s.* praise, Ps. viii. 3; xxv. 7.

Herris, *s. pl.* hinges, Job xxii. 14; Prov. viii. 26.

Hert, *s.* a hart, Job vii. 2; *pl.* *hertis*, Ps. ciii. 18.

Hertid, *p. p.* wise, intelligent, Job xxxiv. 10.

Hertles, *adj.* foolish, Prov. xii. 8.

Hertli, *adj.* joyous, Job viii. 21; Ps. xlvi. 6.

Heuylig, *adv.* heavily, Job iv. 2.

Hey, *s.* grass, Ps. xxxvi. 2; lxxi. 16; Prov. xxvii. 25.

Hiddlis, *s.* secret, Job xiii. 10. (*Hiddlis* is a sing. form; A. S. *hýdels*.)

Hidousnesse, *s.* horror, Job iv. 13, 15; xxviii. 20.

Hilid, *p. p.* covered, Job x. 22. See *Hele*.

Hiling, *hilyng*, *s.* a covering, tent, Job xxiv. 7; Ps. xxxv. 8.

Hirt, *p. p.* hurt, Job xv. 33.

Hirtith, *pr. t.* stumbles, strikes against, Prov. xix. 2.

Hirtyng, *s.* stumbling, Prov. iv. 12.

Hise, *pl.* his, Ps. lxi. 13.

Hi^z, *hi^ze*, *hei^z*, *adj.* high, exalted, Ps. xli. 8; lxxvii. 56; Prov. viii. 2; *comp.* *hi^zer*, *hi^zere*, Job xxxi. 21; Ps. ciii. 3; *superl.* *hi^zeste*, Ps. ix. 3; xlvi. 5; *an hi^z*, *an hei^ze*, on high, Job v. 11; Ps. vii. 9; lxxii. 11.

Hool, *s.* a whole condition, soundness, Job xii. 23.

Hool, *adj.* whole, Job v. 18.

Hooli, *hooly*, *adj.* holy, Ps. ii. 6; xix. 7.

Hoolis, *s. pl.* holes, Eccles. xii. 3.

Hoond, *s.* hand, Ps. lxx. 4.

Hoore, *s.* a whore, Prov. v. 3.

- Hoornesse**, *s.* hoariness, Prov. xx. 29.
Hoose, *adj.* hoarse, Ps. lxviii. 4.
Hoot, hoote, *adj.* hot, Job vi. 17; Ps. xxxviii. 4.
Hous-coppis, *s. pl.* house-tops, Ps. cxxviii. 6.
Hurlid, *p. p.* dashed down, Ps. cxvii. 13.
Hurtle, *v.* to dash down, hurl, Ps. cxxxvi. 9; *p. p.* hurtlid, Ps. xxxvi. 24; Prov. xxi. 6.
Hynd, *s. (?)* meaning uncertain, Ps. xxi. 1 (Lat. *susceptione*). (Two MSS. have a gloss: *hynd, that is, manheed of Crist, that roos azen in the morowtijd.*)
Hynderere, *hyndrere*, *adj.* hinder, Ps. lxvii. 14; lxxvii. 66.
Hyȝnessis, *s. pl.* heads, tops, Job xxiv. 24.
- I.**
- Iacynctis**, *s. pl.* hyacinths, S. Sol. v. 14.
Ianglere, *s.* a brawler, wrangler, Ps. cxxxix. 12; Prov. vii. 11.
Impugnyde, *p. t.* fought against, Ps. lv. 2.
Ioien, *pr. t. pl.* rejoice, Job iii. 22.
Ioli, *adj.* wanton, Prov. vii. 22.
Irehounis, *s. pl.* hedgehogs, Ps. ciii. 18.
Iris, *s. pl.* anger, Prov. xxvi. 10; xxx. 33.
Irun, *s. iron*, Job xxviii. 2; Ps. civ. 18.
Iubilacioun, *s.* a rejoicing, Ps. cl. 5.
Iuel, iuele. See *Euel*.
Iys, *s.* ice, Job xxxviii. 29.
Iȝe, *yȝe*, *s. eye*, Job xiii. 1; xxiv. 15; *pl.* iȝen, Job ii. 12; x. 4; Ps. v. 6.
- K.**
- Kauȝt**, *p. p.* caught, Ps. ix. 16.
Kepith, *pr. t.* heedeth, Prov. xv. 5.
Keping, *kepyng*, *s.* a watch, Ps. xxxvii. 2; lxxxix. 4; cxxix. 6.
Kerue, *v.* to cut, Job xl. 25; *pr. p.* keruynge, Prov. v. 4.
Keuere, *imp.* cover, Ps. xvi. 8; *p. p.* keuered, Ps. lx. 5.
- Keueryng**, *kyueryng*, *s.* covering, Ps. xvii. 36; lxii. 8.
Kien, *s. pl.* cows, cattle, Ps. lxvii. 31.
Kitte, *imp.* let him cut, Job vi. 9; *p. p.* kit, Job iv. 20; vii. 6.
Knouleche, *knowleche*, *v.* to confess, acknowledge, Ps. vi. 6; vii. 18; xxvii. 7.
Knoulechyg, *s.* confession, acknowledgment, Ps. xl. 5.
Knowe, *knowun*, *p. p.* known, Ps. xix. 7; xxxviii. 5; *i.e.* persons known, acquaintance, Job xix. 13; Ps. xxx. 12.
Knyȝthod, *s.* warfare, Job vii. 1; x. 17.
Knyȝtis, *s. pl.* soldiers, Job xxv. 3; S. Sol. i. 8.
Koude. See *Kunne*.
Kunne, *v.* to know, Prov. i. 2; Eccles. vii. 26; *pr. subj.* Job xxii. 5; Prov. i. 2; *pr. t.* kan, Job xiii. 2; Ps. lxxxviii. 16; *pl.* kunnen, Job viii. 9; *p. t.* koude, Job xix. 4.
Kunnyng, *s.* knowledge, Job xiii. 2; Ps. xviii. 3; xciii. 10.
Kynrede, *s.* kindred, Ps. lxxiii. 8.
Kyueryng. See *Keueryng*.
- L.**
- Ladde**. See *Lede*.
Lambre, *lambren*. See *Lomb*.
Latijs, *s.* a lattice, Prov. vii. 6; *pl.* latisis, S. Sol. ii. 9.
Lede, *v.* to lead, Ps. cvii. 11; *p. t.* ladde, ledde, lede, Ps. lxxx. 11; civ. 37; cv. 9.
Leechis, *s. pl.* physicians, Ps. lxxxvii. 11.
Leendis, *s. pl.* loins, Job xxi. 14; Ps. xxxvii. 18; Prov. xxx. 31.
Leeneth, *pr. t.* lendeth, Ps. xxxvi. 26; cxi. 5.
Leep, *s.* a basket, Job xl. 26.
Leese, *lese*, *v.* to destroy, lose, Job xiv. 19; Ps. xx. 11; xciii. 23; *pr. t.* leesith, Job xii. 23; *p. t.* lost, loste, Ps. xlivi. 3;

- lxxvii. 45; *pl.* losten, Ps. cv. 34; *p. p.* lost, Ps. lxxii. 27.
- Leesewe, lesewe,** *s.* pasture, Job xxxix. 8; Ps. lxxiii. 1; xciv. 7.
- Leesyng,** *s.* lying, falsehood, Ps. iv. 3; v. 7; lviii. 13; *pl.* lesingis, Prov. vi. 19.
- Leeues,** *s.* *pl.* leaves of a gate, Prov. i. 21.
- Legatis,** *s.* *pl.* ambassadors, Ps. lxvii. 32.
- Leiden,** *p. t.* *pl.* laid, Ps. cxxxix 6; *p. p.* leid, Ps. cxix. 3.
- Leie to,** *v.* add thereto, Ps. xl. 9 (Lat. *adjicet*); Ps. lxxvi. 8 (Lat. *apponat*); Prov. xix. 19; ley to, continue, Ps. lxxxviii. 23; *p. t.* *pl.* leiden to, added thereto, Ps. lxxvii. 17; *pr. subj.* leie to, attempt, Ps. ix (x). 18.
- Leit,** *s.* lightning, Job xx. 25; *pl.* leitis, leytis, Job xxxviii. 35; Ps. xvii. 15.
- Leite,** *v.* to lighten, Job xxxvi. 30; *i. np.* Ps. cxlii. 6.
- Leize,** *v.* to laugh, Job v. 22; Prov. i. 26; xxxi. 25; *imp.* Job ix. 23; *p. t.* leizide, Job xxix. 24.
- Leiȝtir,** *s.* laughter, Job viii. 21.
- Lerne,** *v.* to teach, Ps. civ. 22.
- Lerud,** *p. p.* learned, Ps. ii. 10; Prov. xvii. 27.
- Lese.** See **Leese.**
- Lesewe.** See **Leesewe.**
- Lesewid,** *p. p.* pastured, Job i. 14.
- Lesingis.** See **Leesyng.**
- Lettide,** *p. t.* hindered, Ps. lxxvii. 31.
- Letture,** *s.* learning, Ps. lxx. 15.
- Ley to.** See **Leie to.**
- Leytis.** See **Leit.**
- Lie,** *v.* lie, tell lies, Ps. lxv. 3 (Lat. *mentientur*); *p. t.* *pl.* liedien, Ps. xvii. 46; lxxx. 16.
- Lifthalſ,** *s.* left side, Prov. iii. 16.
- Lijfioðe,** *s.* livelihood, Prov. xxvii. 27.
- Lijk, lyik,** *adj.* like, Job i. 8; xvi. 4.
- Likyng,** *s.* a delight, Ps. xxxv. 9.
- Liȝt,** *adj.* quick, ready, Prov. xxix. 22.
- Liȝtnē,** *imp.* enlighten, Ps. xii. 4; *pr. p.* liȝtnyng, Ps. xviii. 9.
- Liȝtnere,** *s.* an enlightener, Prov. xxix. 13.
- Liȝtnyng,** *s.* illumination, Ps. xlivi. 4.
- Lokide,** *p. t.* looked, Ps. ci. 20.
- Lomb,** *s.* a lamb, Prov. vii. 22; *pl.* lambre, lambren, Ps. lxxvii. 70; cvi. 41; cxlii. 13.
- Loof,** *s.* loaf, Prov. vi. 26; *pl.* looues, Ps. xli. 4.
- Loore.** See **Lore.**
- Lordschipe,** *s.* dominion, Ps. cii. 22; cxliv. 13.
- Lore, loore,** *s.* learning, Ps. ii. 12; xlxi. 17; cxviii. 66.
- Lorun,** *p. p.* lost, i. e. broken, Ps. xxx. 13.
- Loside,** *p. t.* loosened, Job xxxix. 5.
- Lost, lose, losten.** See **Leese.**
- Lottis,** *s.* *pl.* lots, Prov. xvi. 33.
- Lymes,** *s.* *pl.* limbs, Job xvi. 8.
- Lynage,** *s.* tribe, race, kindred, Ps. lxxvii. 67, 68; *pl.* lynagis, Ps. lxxi. 17; lxxvii. 55.

M.

- Mai,** *pr. t.* can, Prov. iii. 27; *2 p.* maist, Job xxxiii. 5; xlvi. 2; *p. t.* *pl.* miȝten, myȝten, could, prevailed, Ps. xx. 12; cxxviii. 2.
- Maistri, maistrie, maistrye,** *s.* mastery, Ps. xii. 5; li. 9; lxiv. 4.
- Maistris,** *s.* *pl.* masters, Prov. v. 13.
- Manaasside,** *p. t.* threatened, Job xvi. 10.
- Mandrogoris,** *s.* *pl.* mandrakes, S. Sol. vii. 13.
- Mannus,** *gen.* man's, Prov. xviii. 20; *gen. pl.* mennus, Ps. cxiii (cxv). 4.
- Manquellere,** *s.* a murderer, Ps. v. 7; *pl.* menquelleris, Ps. liv. 24.
- Mansleere,** *s.* a murderer, Job xxiv. 14.

- Margarite**, s. pearl, Prov. xxv. 12.
- Mawe**, s. stomach, Prov. vii. 22.
- Me.** man (*used impersonally*), Job xxxix. 28; Ps. lxxi. 15; Prov. xvi. 6.
- Meddling**, s. mixture, Ps. lxxiv. 9.
- Mede**, s. reward, Prov. xi. 18.
- Medlen**, *pr. t. pl.* mix, Prov. xviii. 6; *p. t.* meddlide, medlide, Ps. ci. 10; Prov. ix. 2; *p. p.* meddlid. Ps. cv. 35.
- Meete**, *v.* to measure, Ps. lix. 8.
- Mekith**, *pr. t.* humbleth, Ps. lxxiv. 9; *p. t.* mekide, Ps. xxxiv. 13; *p. p.* mekid, Ps. xxxviii. 3; cv. 42.
- Mentil**, s. mantle, Prov. xxv. 20.
- Merow₃**, s. marrow, Ps. lxv. 15; *pl.* merowis, Job xxi. 24.
- Meruasilis**, merueiylis, merueyilis, s. *pl.* marvels, Ps. lxxi. 18; lxxiv. 3; civ. 2, 5.
- Merye**, myrie, *adj.* merry, happy, Job xxi. 23; Ps. lxxx. 3; cxi. 5.
- Mete**, s. meat, Ps. lii. 5; *pl.* meetis, Ps. xliii. 12 [of meetis = for meat].
- Meyneal**, *adj.* of one's household, Job vi. 13; *pl.* meyneals, they of the household, Prov. xxxi. 15.
- Meynee**, s. household, family, Job i. 3; *pl.* meynees, Ps. xxi. 28; cvi. 41.
- Miche**. See **Myche**.
- Modirles**, *adj.* motherless, Ps. ix. (x). 18.
- Monestid**, *p. f.* taught, Eccles. vii. 3.
- Monestyngis**, s. *pl.* admonitions, Prov. xii. 11.
- Moore trees**, s. *pl.* mulberry-trees, Ps. lxxvii. 47 (Lat. *moros*).
- More**, *adj. comp.* greater, Ps. lxxxix. 10; *superl.* mooste, Ps. xviii. 14.
- More**, *adv.* very much, thoroughly, Ps. l. 4.
- Morenen**, *pr. t. pl.* mourn, Job v. 11; *p. t. pl.* morenyden, Job xxix. 25.
- Mouth**, s. face, countenance, Ps. xxxviii. 1 (Lat. *vultum*).
- Moreutid**, morewtid, morutid, morwtid, s. morrow, morning, Job iii. 9; xxiv. 17; Ps. xxi. 1; lxxiii. 16; c. 8; *pl.* morewtidis, morutidis, Ps. lxii. 7; lxxii. 14.
- Mouwyng**, mowynge, s. mockery, Ps. xxxiv. 16; xbii. 14.
- Mouyte**, s. a moth, Job iv. 19; xiii. 28.
- Mow**, mowe, *v.* to be able, Job xi. 15; Ps. xvii. 39; Eccles. viii. 17; *pr. t. pl.* moun, Job v. 12; ix. 10.
- Mussel**, s. a morsel, Job xxxi. 17; *pl.* mussels, Ps. cxlvii. 17.
- Must**, s. new wine, Job xxxii. 19.
- Myche**, miche, *adj.* much, great, Ps. xxxv. 7; lxvii. 12; cxviii. 165.
- Myche**, *adv.* much, greatly, very, Ps. xlvi. 2; cii. 8.
- Mychilnesse**, s. greatness, Ps. xxxii. 16; xix. 3.
- Myddis**, mydis, s. middle, Ps. lxxiii. 11, 12.
- Myst**, s. mist, Job iii. 5.
- Mynde**, s. remembrance, memory, memorial, Ps. ix. 13; xxiv. 7; xxix. 5; xxxiii. 17.
- Mynen**, *poss. pron. pl.* my, Ps. xxx. 16.
- Mynen**, *pr. t. pl.* dig through, undermine, Job xxiv. 16.
- Myrie**. See **Merye**.
- Myseiste**, s. poverty, need, Job v. 21.
- Mys turne**, *v.* to pervert, Prov. xvii. 23.

N.

- Naile**, *imp.* transfix, fasten, Ps. cxviii. 120 (Lat. *confige*).
- Nappe**, *v.* to sleep, Ps. cxx. 4; *p. t. nappide*, Ps. cxviii. 28.
- Napping**, s. slumber, Ps. cxxxii. 4.
- Nawle**, s. the navel, Job xl. 11; Prov. iii. 8.
- Ne**, nor, Eccles. ix. 11.

- N**eisch, neische, *adj.* soft, delicate, Job xxiii. 16; Prov. xviii. 9.
- Neiying**, s. a neighing, Job xxxix. 19.
- Neiže**, *v.* to approach, Job xxxiii. 22; Ps. xxxi. 6; *pr. t. pl.* neižen, Ps. xxvi. 2; *p. t.* neižede, Ps. liv. 22; *pl.* neižden, neižeden, neižiden, Ps. xxxvii. 12; cvi. 18; cxviii. 150; *imp.* neižhe, Ps. lxiii. 8; *pr. p.* neižyng, Job xxiii. 17.
- Nile**. See **Nyle**.
- Niž**, *prep.* near, Ps. lxxxiv. 10.
- No but**, no-but, *conj.* except, Ps. xciii. 17; cxviii. 92; Prov. iv. 16.
- Noiful**, *adj.* hurtful, injurious, Ps. xxvi. 2.
- Nol**, *s.* head, neck, Job xv. 26; xvi. 13; *pl.* nollis, Job xiii. 12; Ps. cxxviii. 4.
- Nolde**. See **Nyle**.
- Noon**, no, Ps. iii. 3.
- Noot**, *pr. t.* knows not, Job xxviii. 13; Ps. xxxviii. 7.
- Nosethirlis**, nose-thurls, *s. pl.* nostris, Job xxvii. 3; xxxix. 20; Ps. cxiii (cxv). 6.
- Noumbriden**, *p. t. pl.* counted, Ps. xxi. 18.
- Nouȝt**, nothing, Job vii. 16; xvi. 8; Ps. xxxii. 9.
- Nurische**, *v.* to nourish, Ps. xxx. 4; *p. t.* nurschide, Ps. xxii. 2.
- Nyle**, *pr. t.* will not, am unwilling, Job xxiii. 6; *pl.* nylen, Job xxi. 14; *p. t.* nolde, Job vi. 7; Ps. xxxv. 4; *2 p.* noldist, Ps. xxxix. 7; *pl.* nolden, Job xxxiv. 27; Ps. lxxvii. 10; *imp.* nile, nyle, Job x. 2; Ps. xxxi. 9; xxxvi. 1, 8.
- Nyȝ**, *adj.* near, Ps. xxxiii. 19.
- Nyȝ**, *adv.* near, nearly, Job xiv. 8; Ps. xxxv. 5; xliv. 10.
- Nyȝtis**, *s. pl.* nights, Job ii. 13.
- O.**
- O**, oon, one, Job ix. 22; xi. 10; Ps. xiii. 1; xxi. 21.
- Oblischen**, *pr. t. pl.* bind, Prov. xxii. 26.
- Occian**, s. ocean, Job xxxviii. 30.
- Of hard**, *adv.* with difficulty, Eccles. i. 15; iv. 12.
- Oldli**, *adj.* old, Job xli. 23.
- Onourid**, *p. p.* honoured, Ps. xxxvi. 20.
- Ony**, any, Ps. xlii. 4.
- Onys**, *adv.* once, Job ix. 23; Ps. lxi. 12.
- Oon**. See **O.**
- Oost**, s. army, force, host, Job xxix. 25; S. Sol. i. 8; *pl.* oostis, S. Sol. vi. 3.
- Orguns**, s. *pl.* harps, Ps. cxxxvi. 2.
- Orrour**, s. fear, horror, Job vii. 14.
- Ostrigis**, s. *pl.* ostriches, Job xxx. 29.
- Ouercomyng**, *pr. p.* surpassing, Job xxxvi. 26.
- Ouerer**, *adj.* comp. upper, Job xxxviii. 30.
- Ourne**, *v.* to adorn, Prov. xxvi. 23; *p. t.* ourned, Job xxvi. 13; *p. p.* ourned, Ps. cxlii. 12.
- Ournement**, s. ornament, Prov. vii. 10.
- Out-takun**, outakun, *prep.* except, Ps. xvii. 32; Prov. vii. 1.
- Out ioiyng**, i.e. out-*ioiyng*, s. extreme joy, exultation, Ps. xlvi. 2.
- Ouȝte**, *p. t.* owed, Prov. vii. 14.
- P.**
- Paddok**, s. a frog, Ps. lxxvii. 45; *pl.* paddoks, Ps. civ. 30.
- Parcener**, s. partner, Ps. cxviii. 63; *pl.* parceneris, Prov. v. 17.
- Parfit**, perfite, *adj.* perfect, Ps. lix. 2; lxvii. 10; lxxvii. 2.
- Partie**, s. part, portion, Job xxvi. 14; *pl.* partis, Ps. lxii. 11.
- Passyng**, s. surpassing feeling, overpowering agony, Ps. xxx. 23 (Lat. excessu).
- Pees**, s. peace, Job v. 24; Ps. xiii. 3.

- Peesid**, *p. p.* appeased, Ps. lxxxii. 2.
Peiside, *p. t.* weighed, Prov. viii. 29; *p. p.* peisid, Job vi. 2.
Pennes, pennys, *s. pl.* wings, Ps. xvii. 12; Prov. xxiii. 5; Eccles. x. 20.
Perse, *v.* to pierce, penetrate, Job xl. 19; *p. p.* persid, Job xxx. 17.
Pesible, *adj.* peaceful, appeasable, Job v. 23; viii. 6.
Pissemyro, *s. ant.* Prov. vi. 6.
Plauntidist, *p. t.* *2 p.* didst plant, Ps. xlvi. 3.
Pleiede, *p. t.* played, delighted, Prov. viii. 30.
Pollid, *p. p.* cropped, clipped, Job i. 20.
Pomel, *s.* a head, hilt, or capital like an apple, Prov. xxv. 11.
Porails, *s. pl.* the common people, Prov. xxx. 14.
Pouert, *s.* poverty, Job xxxvi. 8; Ps. xxx. 11.
Poyntil, *s.* a style to write with, Job xix. 24.
Pressours, *s. pl.* winepresses, Ps. viii. 1; lxxx. 1; Prov. iii. 10.
Preye, *imp.* pray, Ps. xxxvii. 7.
Priue, priuy, *adj.* secret, Job iv. 12; Ps. civ. 30.
Priued, *p. p.* deprived, Job xxi. 10.
Friuettes, priuytees, pryuytees, *s. pl.* secrecy, mysteries, Ps. ix. 1; ix (x). 8; lxiii. 5.
Pryuysi, *adv.* secretly, Ps. xl. 8.
Puple, *s.* people, Job xii. 24; *pl.* puplis, Ps. ii. 1.
Purueide, *p. t.* provided, Ps. xv. 8. (Lat. *providebam*, saw before).
Puruyaunce, *s.* foresight, a providing, Eccles. iv (v). 5.
- Q.**
- Queer**, *s.* choir, Ps. cxlix. 3; cl. 4; quere, lli. 1.
Quemeful, *adj.* placable, Job xxxiii. 26.
- Quenchid**, *p. p.* overpowered by sleep, Ps. iii. 6.
Querels, *s. pl.* complaints, Job xxxiii. 10.
Quik, quyk, *adj.* living, Ps. xli. 3; liv. 16; lxxxiii. 3.
Quikene, quykene, *v.* to make alive, Ps. lxxix. 19; cxxxvii. 7; *imp.* quikene, quykene, quykine, Ps. cxviii. 25, 38, 40; *p. p.* quykenyd, Ps. lxx. 20.
Quytyere, *s.* filth, corruption, Job ii. 8.

R.

- Ramne**, *s. a* bramble, Ps. lvii. 10.
Rauieseche, *imp. pl.* snatch, Ps. lxxx. 4; *p. t. pl.* rauyschiden, took the spoil, Ps. xliv. 11.
Raueyns, *s. pl.* robbery, Ps. lxi. 11.
Rauynour, *s. a* robber, Job v. 15.
Ray-cloth, *s. a* striped cloth, Prov. xxxi. 22.
Reed, *adj.* red, Ps. cv. 7, 9.
Rehed, reched, *s. a* reed, rush, Job xl. 16; Ps. lxvii. 31.
Refuit, refute, refutti, refuyt, *s. refuge*, Ps. ix. 10; lxx. 3; ciii. 18.
Reise, *v.* to raise, Job iii. 8; *p. p.* reisid, Job ii. 12; Ps. xix. 9.
Relifs, relifis, *s. pl.* fragments, remains, remnants, Job xviii. 19; Ps. xvi. 14.
Relikis, *s. pl.* remains, Ps. xxxvi. 37.
Renne, rennen, *v.* to run, Ps. xviii. 6; Prov. iv. 12; *pr. t.* renneth, Job xxxiv. 9.
Rennyngis, *s. pl.* runnings, streams, Ps. i. 3.
Renule, *v.* to renew, Ps. ciii. 30; *p. p.* renulid, Job xxix. 20; Ps. xxxviii. 3.
Repen, *pr. t. pl.* reap, Job iv. 8; *p. p.* rope, S. Sol. v. 1.
Repreue, *imp.* reprove, Job v. 17.
Repreuyngis, *s. pl.* reproofs, Ps. xxxvii. 15.
Repugne, *v.* to fight against, Job xxi. 34.

- Rewme**, s. kingdom, Ps. xxi. 29; xliv. 7.
Reyn, s. rain, Ps. lxvii. 10.
Rikynyd, p. p. reckoned, Job iii. 6.
Riȝthalf, s. right hand, Ps. xv. 8, 10.
Riȝtwisnesse, s. righteousness, Ps. cxviii. 160.
Rooch, rooche, s. rock, Job xiv. 18; Ps. cxiii (cxv). 1.
Roose, s. praise (?), Ps. lix. 1 [sense quite uncertain]; pl. roosis, Ps. lxviii. 1.
Rouys, s. pl. roofs, Prov. xxvii. 15.
Rope. See **Repen**.
Rote, s. root, Job v. 3.
Rotun, p. p. rotten, Ps. xxxvii. 6.
Ruschyngli, adv. violently, Job vi. 15.
Ryuelyngis, s. pl. wrinkles, Job vii. 9.

S.

- Sad**, adj. firm, fixed, Ps. lxxiii. 13.
Sadnesse, s. solidity, firmness, Prov. xxiii. 21.
Sak, s. sackcloth, Ps. xxix. 12.
Salewis, s. pl. sallows, willows, Job xl. 17; Ps. cxxxvi. 2.
Saumple, s. example, pattern, copy, Job xvii. 6.
Sautere, sautre, sautree, sautrie, s. psaltery, Ps. xxxii. 2; xlvi. 5; lvi. 9; lxxx. 3.
Schamede, p. t. was ashamed of, Job iii. 25; imp. pl. schame, shame, Ps. xxxiv. 26; lxix. 3, 4.
Schap, s. shape, Ps. xl ix. 3.
Schaplynesse, s. beauty, Ps. xliv. 5.
Schauyde, p. t. shaved, Job ii. 8.
Schedith, pr. t. poureth, Job xii. 21; imp. schede, draw, Ps. xxxiv. 3.
Scheld, s. a shield, Ps. xc. 5.
Scheltrun, s. array, squadron, S. Sol. vi. 3, 9.
Schende, v. to reprove, confound, put to shame, Ps. cxviii. 31; p. p. schent, Job vi. 20; Ps. xiii. 6.
Schendschipe, schenschip, schenschipe, s. reproach, disgrace, Job viii. 22; Ps. xliii. 14, 16; lxviii. 21; pl. schen-schipis, Ps. lxviii. 10.
Schete, v. to shoot, Ps. x. 3; lxiii. 5.
Schittith, pr. t. shutteth, Job xii. 14.
Scho, s. shoe, Ps. lix. 10; cvii. 10.
Schrewe, s. a depraved person, Job ix. 20; pl. schrewis, Job v. 13.
Schrewid, adj. deceitful, Ps. lxxvii. 8, 57.
Schrewidnesse, s. depravity, wickedness, Job iv. 18.
Schridyng, s. a cutting of herbs, S. Sol. ii. 12.
Schuldris, s. pl. shoulders, Ps. xc. 4.
Schulen, pr. t. pl. shall, Ps. xviii. 15.
Schyning, s. lightning, Ps. cxlii. 6.
Sculptilis, s. pl. idols, Ps. xcvi. 7.
Se, v. to see, Job x. 4; p. t. siȝ, siȝe, Job iv. 8; v. 3; Ps. cv. 44; 2 p. siest, siȝest, Job xxxviii. 18; Ps. xl ix. 18; pl. sien, siȝen, Job ii. 13; Ps. lvii. 9; pr. p. seynge, Ps. xl vii. 6; p. p. seyn, sien, Ps. xxxiv. 21; lxiii. 9.
Seeld, p. p. sold, Ps. xl iii. 13; civ. 17.
Seeling, s. sealing, Job xxxviii. 14 (Lat. *signaculum*).
Seie, v. to say, Ps. xl ix. 12; pr. t. pl. seien, Job xix. 28; Ps. iii. 3.
Seke, v. to search out, seek, Ps. xl iii. 22; lxxxii. 17; p. t. souȝte, Ps. xxvi. 8; pr. p. sekynge, Ps. vii. 10; p. p. souȝt, Job ix. 10, 19; Ps. lxxxv. 14.
Selers, s. pl. cellars, Ps. cxlii. 13.
Semeli, adj. seemly, Ps. lvi. 1.

- Sercle**, *s.* ring, Prov. xi. 22.
- Sete**, *p. p.* sat down, Ps. cxxvi. 2.
- Sewide**, *p. t.* stitched, sewed, Job xvi. 16.
- Seyntis**, *s. pl.* saints, Ps. xxxvi. 28.
- Sidur**, *s.* cider, Prov. xxxi. 6.
- Sien**, siest. See **Se**.
- Sikir, sikur**, *adj.* secure, Prov. xi. 15; xv. 15.
- Sikurli**, *adv.* securely, Job xi. 18.
- Silleris**, *s. pl.* sellers, Prov. xi. 27.
- Singuler**, *adj.* dwelling alone, wild, Ps. lxxix. 14 (Lat. *singularis*).
- Siouna**, *s. pl.* branches, Ps. lxxix. 12.
- Sithen**, since, Job xxxiv. 29.
- Sithis**, *s. pl.* times, Job xix. 3; Ps. cxviii. 164.
- Sij, sije, sijen, sijest**. See **Se**.
- Sijt**, *s.* sight, Job ii. 1; iv. 3.
- Sijhe**, *pr. t.* sigh, Job iii. 24.
- Skilfuli**, *adv.* rightfully, Job xxi. 4.
- Sle, slee**, *v. to slay*, Ps. ix (x). 8; xxxvi. 32; lviii. 1.
- Sleyng**, *s.* slaying, slaughter, Ps. xlivi. 22.
- Slide**, *p. p.* slipped, Prov. xxiv. 10.
- Slidir**, *adj.* slippery, Prov. xxvi. 28.
- Slow**, *adj.* slothful, Prov. xix. 24.
- Slydirnesse**, *s.* slipperiness, Ps. xxxiv. 6.
- Snapere**, *v. to stumble, trip*, Prov. iii. 23.
- Soleyn**, *adj.* solitary, Job iii. 14.
- Sope, sopun vp.** See **Soupe**.
- Souereyneste**, *adj.* *superl.* highest, Prov. viii. 2.
- Souken**, *pr. t. pl.* suck, suckle, Job xxxix. 30; *pr. p.* soukynge, Ps. viii. 3.
- Soun, sown**, *s.* sound, Job xv. 21; xxi. 12; Ps. ix. 7.
- Soupe**, *v. to swallow up, sup up*, Job xl. 18; *p. p.* sope, sopun vp, Ps. cxxiii. 4; cxl. 6.
- Soujt, souzte**. See **Seke**.
- Sowneden**, *p. t. pl.* sounded, Ps. xlv. 4.
- Sparcle**, *s.* a spark, Job xxi. 18; xxx. 19.
- Spedith**, *pr. t.* is expedient, profits, Job xv. 3.
- Spete**, *v. to spit*, Job xxx. 10.
- Spier**, *s.* a reed, rush, Job viii. 11.
- Spirit**, *s.* wind, breath, Ps. xlvi. 8; cxviii. 131.
- Spotele**, *s.* spittle, Job vii. 19.
- Sprenge, imp.** sprinkle, Ps. l. 9;
- p. t. pl.* spreynet, Job ii. 12.
- Sprenges**, *s. pl.* branches, shoots, Ps. cxvii. 3.
- Spue**, *v. to vomit*, Job xx. 15.
- Spuylid**, *p. p.* spoiled, Job xix. 9; xxii. 6.
- Spuylis**, *s. pl.* spoils, Ps. lxvii. 13.
- Steef**, *adj.* strong, Ps. xxxv. 9.
- Steere**, *s.* rudder, Prov. xxiii. 34.
- Stide**, *s.* place, Job xxxix. 22.
- Stie**, *v. to go up, ascend*, Ps. xxiii. 3; *p. t.* stiede, Ps. xvii. 9; xlvi. 6; *pr. p.* stiyng, Ps. cv. 7.
- Stiriden**, *p. t. pl.* moved, shook, Ps. xxi. 8.
- Stiryng**, *s.* shaking, Ps. xlivi. 15.
- Stiying**, *s.* an ascent, S. Sol. iii. 10; *pl.* stiyingis, goings, paths, Ps. lxxxii. 6.
- Stobil**, *s.* stubble, Job xiii. 25.
- Stok**, *s.* the stocks, Job xiii. 27; xxxiii. 11.
- Stoon**, *s.* a stone, rock, Ps. xviii. 11; xxvi. 6.
- Stoonde**, *imp.* stand, Job xxxiii. 5; *p. t. pl.* stoden, Ps. xxxvii. 12, 13.
- Streizte**, *p. t.* stretched, Ps. lxxix. 12.
- Stremed**, *p. p.* poured out as a stream, Prov. v. 16.
- Strengere**, *adj. comp.* stronger, Ps. xxxiv. 10.
- Streyne**, *v. to draw tight, bind*, Job xxvii. 23; *pr. t.* streyneth, Job xl. 12.
- Stronde**, *s.* a torrent, stream, Job vi. 15; *pl.* strondis, Ps. xvii. 5.
- Studyes**, *s. pl.* praises, Ps. ix. 12.
- Sue**, *v. to follow*, Job xxxvi. 21; Ps. xxii. 6; *pr. t.* a *p.* suest, Job xv. 5; *p. t.* suede, Job xxxi. 7; Ps. xxxvii. 21.

- Suffre**, *imp.* submit to, endure, Ps. xxvi. 14; cxlvii. 17.
- Suget**, *adj.* subject, Ps. viii. 8; xvii. 48.
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